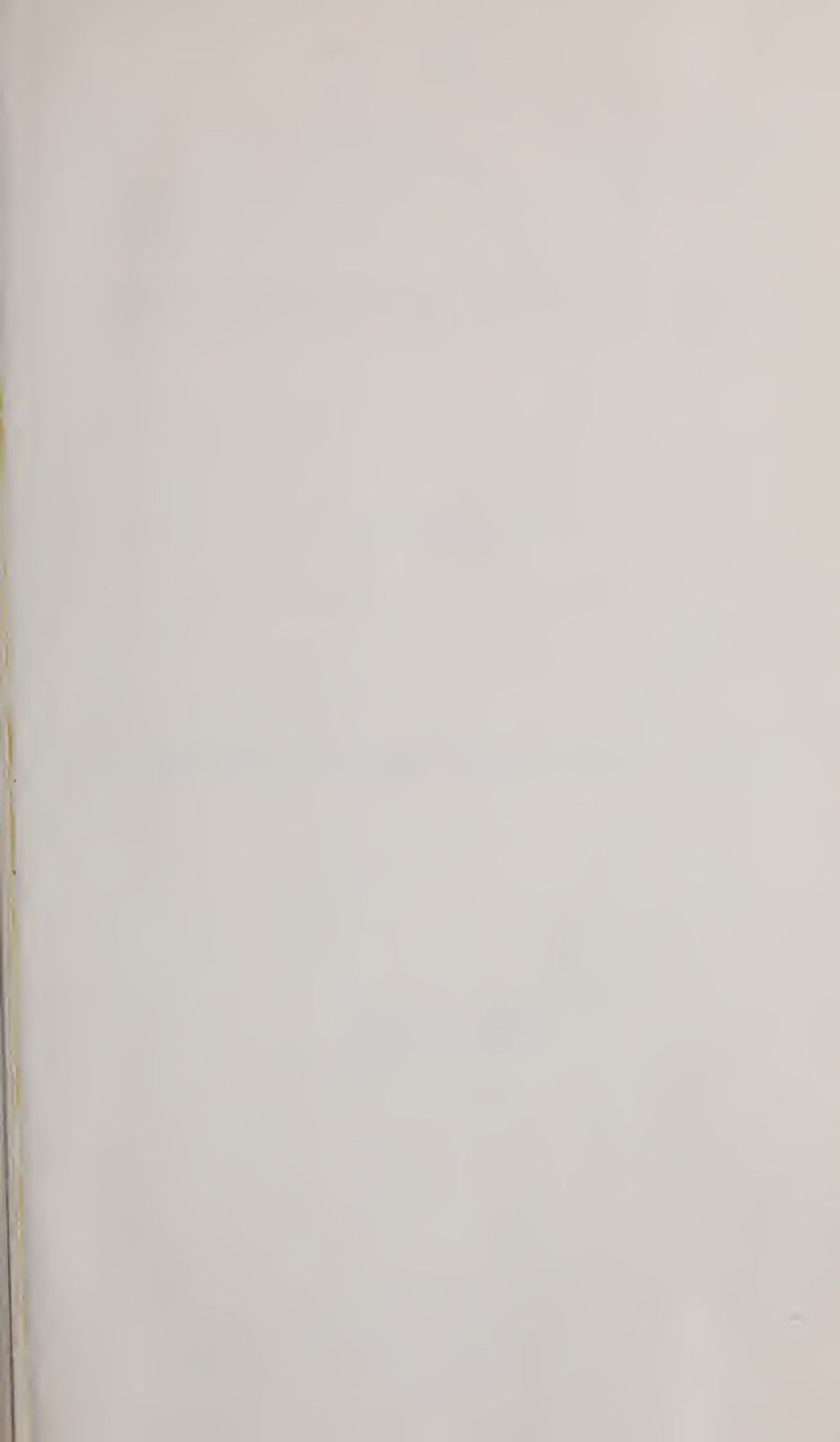




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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD.

PITTSBURGH, *May* 18, 1852.

THE Board of Managers of the American Baptist Missionary Union held its thirty-eighth annual meeting in the city of Pittsburgh, Pa., on Tuesday, May 18, 1852, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Chairman of the Board being absent, the Secretary called the Board to order, and the Rev. Elisha Tucker, D. D., of Ill., was appointed Chairman *pro tem*.

The meeting was commenced with prayer by Rev. H. G. Weston, of Ill.

The roll of the Board was then called, and the following members answered to their names:—

Ministers.
C. P. SHELDON,
EDWARD LATHROP,
M. J. RHEES,
A. D. GILLETTE,
L. B. ALLEN,
ORRIN DODGE,

Ministers.
H. G. WESTON,
THOMAS WINTER,
S. B. PAGE,
E. G. ROBINSON,
ELISHA TUCKER,
MARVIN ALLEN,

Ministers.
D. B. CHENEY,
HEMAN LINCOLN.

Laymen.
THOMAS WATSON,
JOHN P. CROZER.

Letters accounting for absence from the meeting, were received and read, from Rev. F. Wayland, D. D., Rev. J. S. Eaton, Rev. J. N. Granger, Rev. R. Turnbull, D. D., Rev. W. R. Williams, D. D., Rev. Levi Tucker, D. D., and George James, Esq.

A season of prayer was then observed, seeking the presence of the Holy Spirit during our meetings, and God's blessing upon the Union, the Board, and the Missions. Rev. R. C. Mills, of Mass., Rev. S. Bailey, D. D., of Ohio, and Rev. G. J. Johnson, of Iowa, led in the devotional exercises.

The Chairman then addressed the Board.

The times of meeting were fixed at 9, A. M., and 2½ and 7½, P. M.; and of adjournment at 12, M., and 5, P. M.

Rev. Messrs. S. Williams, J. R. Downer, A. D. Gillette, S. Peck, D. D., and E. Bright, Jr., were appointed a committee to make arrangements for devotional exercises and public missionary meetings to be held during the week.

The Treasurer, R. E. Eddy, Esq., read his annual report, showing the expenditure, during the year ending March 31, 1852, of \$102,958.09, and the receipt, during the same period, of \$102,611.94, exclusive of grants made by the United States Government and coördinate Societies.

The report of the Auditing Committee, Messrs. Charles D. Gould and Joshua Loring, was read.

The reports were laid on the table.

A part of the Annual Report of the Executive Committee was read by Rev. E. Bright, Jr., Corresponding Secretary for the Home Department.

Adjourned till 2½ o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Rev. E. Galusha, of N. Y.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 2½ o'clock.

The Board met. Prayer by Rev. W. Shadrach, of Pa.

The reading of the Annual Report was resumed by Rev. S. Peck, D. D., Corresponding Secretary for the Foreign Department.

The Annual Report, with that of the Treasurer and Auditing Committee, was referred to the following committees.

On Obituaries.—S. F. Smith, O. Dodge, J. T. Seeley, L. Church, J. M. Courtney.

On Finances.—A. M. Beebee, J. M. Linnard, J. P. Crozer, S. Colgate, J. R. Osgood.

On Publications.—J. Stevens, M. Allen, J. Estep, J. C. Foster, T. D. Chollar.

On Agencies.—L. B. Allen, C. W. Houghton, W. V. Wilson, J. N. Tolman, P. C. Dayfoot.

On Burman and Karen Missions.—S. Bailey, A. D. Gillette, S. M. Osgood, A. P. Mason, E. T. Hiscox.

On Siam and China Missions.—E. Lathrop, S. B. Page, R. C. Mills, H. C. Fish, G. J. Johnson.

On Assam and Teloogoo Missions.—M. B. Anderson, W. Shadrach, A. K. Bell, J. D. Cole, L. G. Leonard.

On European Missions.—S. S. Cutting, D. B. Cheney, E. Galusha, G. W. Samson, J. F. Wilcox.

On Bassa Mission.—C. P. Sheldon, T. G. Lamb, J. C. Stockbridge, H. Eastman, D. Barrel.

On Indian Missions.—T. Winter, S. W. Adams, H. Miller, S. Tucker, J. Girdwood.

Rev. S. Peck, D. D., Foreign Secretary, read a paper from the Executive Committee, on "The principles on which the Executive Committee conduct the European Missions," which was referred to the Committee on European Missions.

A paper on the "Reopening of Burmah" was also read by the Foreign Secretary, and was referred to the Committee on Burman and Karen Missions.

Rev. E. Bright, Jr., Home Secretary, read a paper on the "Expenditures for 1852-3," which was referred to a special committee.

E. G. Robinson, T. Wattson, S. D. Phelps, E. Dodge, and S. R. Kelley, were appointed the committee.

The Committee on Arrangements for meetings during the session, reported in part, recommending that the services this evening consist of a statement connected with missions, by the Foreign Secretary, and addresses by Rev. S. Bailey, D. D., of Ohio, Rev. L. Lafleur, of the Grand Ligne Mission, Canada East, Rev. H. G. Weston, of Ill., and Prof. M. B. Anderson, of N. Y.

Adjourned till 7½ o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Rev. J. Girdwood, of Mass.

TUESDAY EVENING, 7½ o'clock.

The Board met. The exercises of the evening were conducted in accordance with the report of the Committee of Arrangements, made this afternoon.

The meeting was opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. J. Ballard, of N. Y.

The Foreign Secretary made a brief statement of the missions, and read some interesting extracts from letters of missionaries.

Addresses were also made by Rev. S. Bailey, D. D., of Ohio; Rev. L. Lafleur, of Grand Ligne, C. E.; and Prof. M. B. Anderson, of N. Y.

The Committee of Arrangements reported further, that a prayer meeting would be held to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock, and that in the evening addresses would be made by returned missionaries.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Doxology, and benediction by the Chairman.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *May 19.*

The Board met at 9 o'clock, A. M., and the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. J. N. Brown, of Pa.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The committees not being prepared to report, a short season was spent in devotional services. Rev. J. B. Jeter, D. D., of Mo., and Rev. D. B. Cheney, of O., led in prayer.

The Committee on Publications reported through Rev. J. Stevens, chairman.

The report was adopted, and ordered to be printed.

REPORT.

The committee on publications beg leave to submit the following as their report :

Fill the mind, and keep it filled, with that which is adapted to enlist the sympathies of the heart, and you move the whole man. Let, at the same time, the subject be one which commends itself to the sublimest reason, and involves the highest interests,—one which, simple and grand, is adapted at the first apprehension, to fill the soul, and at the same time, as it is contemplated and pursued, swells in magnitude and is continually unfolding itself in new aspects, and presenting new scenes,—one which is the direct out-flow of infinite wisdom and infinite love, securing the highest possible good of every human soul throughout the whole range of its being, and at the same time links indissolubly with all the truly valuable interests of time, irrespective of God and eternity, and it will not only move the whole man, but will become a permanently controlling element of his being. Such is the cause of Foreign Missions—Missions to the heathen. The Infinite One, who knows what is in man, and who gave his life in order to secure the salvation of men, for the purpose at once of accomplishing the great object, and of enlisting his followers in the work, gave the brief and summary command, Preach the gospel to every creature—proclaim the good news of salvation to all to whom it is news—who have never heard it—the heathen. Plainly the work of Foreign Missions is the work to the prosecution of which the Saviour has specifically and emphatically called his followers, till it shall be fully accomplished. The command thus given, and, connected with it, these two simple truths, that without the gospel men are lost, while, with it, those who believe shall be saved, form the basis of the whole proceeding. The soul of the susceptible and obedient disciple is at once filled with the grandeur of the work, and fired with ardor for its accomplishment. So it was with the apostles; so it has been with the pioneers in every great missionary movement from their day to the present. But while the fundamental principles to which we have referred, are enough to fill the mind at the outset and rouse to action, yet such is our nature, that activity and energy in the prosecution of the great enterprise cannot be sustained, and new votaries and helpers enlisted, unless these principles are continually kept in view, their various aspects and relations unfolded, and the accompaniments and results of their practical application exhibited. Hence the utility—the necessity even—of essays, arguments, appeals in behalf of the Missionary Cause, and of intelligence, in every form and variety, in regard to the aspects and relations and progress of the missionary work.

The committee cannot but regard our missionary literature, both the product and the nourisher of our Union, and of other kindred institutions in America and Europe, rich, various, interesting and instructive as it is, as one of the most valuable attainments to which we have already reached in the conduct of modern missions. We have our Biographies, Travels, Voyages, Researches, Histories; our Essays, Dis-

courses, Tracts. Every successive year is adding to the treasure. All and each of these issues of the press might furnish suitable topics of remark. Especially, in this connection, might we speak of the periodical religious press generally, and of the weekly religious press particularly, as an instrumentality, to which the cause of Foreign Missions has been and must continue to be very largely indebted. Without its favor, and efficient and emphatic advocacy, the current of missionary feeling and action cannot be expected to move on with that strong and steady flow which is necessary to eminent success. But we need something more specific and single in its aim; we turn, therefore, to speak with special emphasis of the importance of the monthly periodicals of our Union—the *MISSIONARY MAGAZINE* and the *MACE-
DONIAN*. How can these periodicals be made the instruments of the greatest good? In briefly answering this inquiry we venture to say:—

Let the Executive Committee employ a sufficient amount of the best talent to prepare and arrange the matter of these publications, so that they shall be adapted to impart the clearest views of the missionary work, as to its design, its nature, intrinsic and relative, its claims, and its progress, and adapted also to make the strongest impression. Let suitable arrangements be made for their prompt and regular delivery and transmission from the publishing office to the various points of destination. Then let the District Agents make it a primary and essential part of their work, by direct effort, by securing the coöperation of pastors, Sabbath school superintendents, and all the active friends of missions, and in every practicable mode, to ensure the widest possible distribution. But they must be read as well as printed and circulated, otherwise they are a dead letter. How shall this end be secured? Let our brethren the conductors of the weekly religious press, all, as many of them are accustomed to do, be respectfully and earnestly and urgently invoked to adopt the practice, and to persevere in it when adopted, of giving such a notice or brief sketch of each monthly issue as will stimulate the desire of their perusal. Let every one receiving these periodicals, at once imbue his own mind and heart with the contents of each successive number as it comes to hand; especially, let every one who is in a position to influence others, laymen as well as pastors, make himself so familiar with the entire contents of each successive issue, that he can awaken the desire of the same familiarity in others.

These periodicals when rightly used are the life of the monthly concert. The reading of long passages is not recommended, but, when previously read and digested, they furnish themes and matter for interesting remark; and thus they can be made to awaken joy, to stir sympathy, to kindle zeal, to strengthen purpose, to animate the song, and to give direction and earnestness to the supplication. Let the missionary map be used to throw clearer light upon the printed page; and again let the printed narrative or description transform the map into a scenic representation of all the various countries of the world, teeming with the millions who are groping in darkness.

In fine, let any and all, who would replenish the missionary treasury, instead of making direct naked appeals for money, thereby encountering avarice, exciting prejudice, and inspiring the very general desire to be let alone; let all, we say, who labor in this cause, in the capacity of agents or otherwise, direct their efforts largely to this one point,—to fill the minds of all throughout the entire membership of our churches and congregations, from earliest childhood to advanced age, with the facts and truths and sentiments which lie at the basis of the missionary cause, and which sustain and illustrate the missionary enterprise. Then the pecuniary contribution will come, often spontaneously, always with cheerfulness. In this way, may we hope to approach the consummation, so devoutly to be desired, of a contribution of a quarter or a half of a dollar, or even a dollar, annually, from *every one*, and from the *wealthy* according to the measure of their wealth and the just demands of the cause. In

this way, preëminently, may we hope to make progress towards that condition in which the entire heart of the church shall throb in unison with the heart of Christ, fixed as it is on the sublime purpose of giving the gospel to the world; when all shall stand in their lot, ready to perform their part in the great work, whether to go far away among the heathen, or, remaining at home, to contribute of their means for sustaining those who go.

The committee suggest the inquiry whether the interests of the cause do not call for an additional periodical, especially and exclusively adapted to children and youth. The children of this generation will be the men and women of the next. The sentiments earliest imbibed become the controlling sentiments of mature age.

In regard to the memoir of Dr. Judson, the committee suggest the desirableness that arrangements be made to give it the widest possible circulation.

The Committee on Agencies reported through Rev. L. B. Allen, chairman.

The report was recommitted.

The Committee on Obituaries reported through Rev. S. F. Smith, chairman.

The report was adopted, and ordered to be printed.

REPORT.

The committee on obituaries ask leave to report:

God urges us onward in our work by arguments drawn from every source. Life and death press us to our duty. Vacant places in our missionary stations on earth, and places gloriously filled in heaven, speak to us alike, with an eloquence too strong for human language. God speaks, and man is silent.

A brief notice is due to our departed brethren and sisters. As a testimony to the worth of those whom God has early honored, we deem it a privilege to place such a memorial of them among the standing records of the Board.

The Arracan Mission has suffered a double bereavement. Mrs. E. R. KEYES KNAPP died of disease of the heart on the 23d of May last, after a brief illness of only two days. She arrived in March, 1850, and had been in connection with the mission only a little more than a year. The last messenger came unexpectedly, but was welcomed by her with gladness. She was soon ripe for glory, soon gathered. And, having done a little work for the divine Master, it was accepted of her that it was in her heart to build the temple of Jehovah. The mission has lost in her a promising laborer.

Rev. H. M. CAMPBELL, of the same mission, died of cholera on the 22d of February last, after an illness of thirty-six hours. Though connected with the mission but a short time, he had acquired a good knowledge of the Burman, and had entered zealously into the great work which was his chosen employment—the work of preaching the gospel. His early labors encouraged the most cheering hopes. He rests on his sheaves at noon,—a fresh testimony that God is not dependent on human instruments,—and leaves us to trust in Him, who, amid seeming adversity, sits above the clouds, and does all things well.

Mrs. LUCRETIA BROWNSON STILSON, of the Maulmain Burman Mission, died, after a lingering illness, Aug. 14. She had been connected with the Burman Missions since 1838,—a period of thirteen years. She was a faithful assistant in the great work, laboring in the unpretending spheres in which woman is adapted to sow the seeds of Christian influence. Her works praise her.

Rev. WILLIAM T. BIDDLE, appointed to join the Maulmain Karen Mission, died Sept. 16, on the eve of his embarkation. It was a most painful dispensation to a

mission seriously demanding more evangelical labor, and disheartened by so dark a providence. But the event was not without the notice of Him who observes every sparrow that falls to the ground. The bereavement is inscrutable to man; but, beyond a doubt, it is a part of the method by which God, in a manner unknowable to us, is *promoting* the cause of missions. If God had other and higher service for this young laborer, in a brighter world, he is able to provide a substitute for him, to labor among the heathen.

The Siam Mission has been specially bereaved. On the 13th of Sept., 1851, Rev. JOHN TAYLOR JONES, D. D., the founder and chief human stay of the mission, died after a few days' illness. He had been in the service of the missionary Board for twenty years, eighteen of which he had spent in Siam. He had acquired rare skill in the idiomatic forms of the language. Portions of his works are cited with delight by high officials of the nation, as specimens of elegant and finished composition in that tongue. He had translated the whole New Testament, and revised it for a third edition, and commenced the translation of the Old. It was to be hoped that his life might have been spared to complete the work so auspiciously begun, and which no other man living is so well qualified to do. But in that hope we have been disappointed.

Brother Jones was born in Ashby, Mass., graduated at Amherst College, and was baptized, while a theological student at Andover, by Rev. Dr. Malcom. He was a man of singular modesty; but a strong and decided laborer for Jesus Christ. Calm, firm and conscientious, when convinced of truth, nothing could turn him from it. Yet was he mild, urbane and charitable. Though subjected to singular discouragements, he toiled on, often in feebleness and obscurity, with a weak body, but an unconquerable soul. He had won to himself the respect of the whole nation, and laid the disciples there under lasting obligation. Never, probably, will a tried Christian in Siam be comforted by the divine promises, or a dying Christian feel the stay of God's consolations as he passes through the valley of the shadow of death, but he will associate those consolations with the name and the works of brother Jones.

Years ago, Dr. Judson said, "I beg of those who doubt the propriety of missionary undertakings to give us bread and let us alone, and after twenty years they may hear from us again." Those who witnessed the departure of brother Jones from Boston in the year 1831, *have* heard from him again after twenty years. We have heard that the Master has witnessed his work with approbation, and has said to him — "Come up higher."

The voice, which has summoned these brethren and sisters to heaven, summons us to larger efforts, and to strong confidence in himself. The hand that waved over these departing missionaries, inviting them to the crowns of the glorified, waves over us, and points us to the fields, still waiting for the sickle of the reaper.

Adjourned till 2½, P. M. Prayer by Rev. W. Shadrach, of Pa.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 2½ o'clock.

The Board met. Prayer by Rev. A. P. Mason, of Mass.

The Committee on Finances reported through A. M. Beebee, Esq., chairman.

The report was recommitted.

The Committee on European Missions reported through Rev. S. S. Cutting, chairman.

The report was adopted, and with the special report on this subject, was ordered to be printed.

REPORT.

The committee to whom was referred that part of the annual report which relates to European missions beg leave to report:

That they find the information concerning those missions unusually full, the natural and beneficial result of the more intimate acquaintance with them which was accomplished by the Foreign Secretary's late visit to Europe. They are gratified to find that amid such discouragements as are always incident to the promulgation of the gospel in this sinful world, and amid the special discouragements which spring from the education and habits, and the institutions political and religious, of the people among whom our missionary labors are carried forward, the fruits are such as to vindicate those labors and to call for thanksgiving to God. It is not necessary to repeat in detail the accounts which are furnished in the report; it is to be hoped and expected that the friends and patrons of this body will carefully peruse that document itself.

The work of evangelization in France, advances slowly, perhaps, but, as it would seem, steadily and surely, and so long as missionary labors are permitted there, it would seem to be our duty to go forward with the work which God has permitted us to begin. The report refers to the importance of strengthening the northern department by associating another missionary with Mr. Willard, and in this suggestion your committee concur. It is never safe or wise to leave a mission in such a state that the sickness or death of a missionary will be likely to put in peril the results of years of arduous toil; and such your committee understand to be the case with regard to the northern department of the French mission, where Mr. Willard already feels the weight of burdens too heavy, and too long borne. Your committee observe with regret that the danger of persecution impends over our mission churches in France, the President having by his decrees revived the laws against meetings of all kinds, attended by over twenty persons, without license from the government. Indeed acts of persecution have already commenced. Commending themselves and their cause to the divine care, your missionaries and their brethren await with solicitude the issue of events.

The portion of the report which refers to Greece is but another confirmation of the justness of their views, who for years have felt that the seed of the word faithfully sown, cannot fail in due time to spring up, and ripen into fruitfulness. The interest which the educated young men of Greece feel in our missionaries,—the deep hold which right views of the spiritual truth of the word God of are gaining over the minds of the people, as manifested during the late trial of Dr. King,—give pledges of a great harvest yet to be reaped. The number and character of the young men who have been already converted and baptized, are God's own gathered first-fruits, giving token of what sheaves shall be brought home, if his people have only faith to labor till the harvest ripens. The late prosecution of Dr. King is understood to threaten our own missionaries likewise, and your committee are happy to know from unofficial sources, that measures have been taken, by private individuals, to secure for the missionaries, from our own government, that just protection which our citizens are permitted to claim in every land.

From Germany come tidings of mingled interest,—tidings that the good work which our missionaries have been permitted to perform these many years, is still blessed with large and happy fruits,—and tidings likewise that the civil authorities, specially in the kingdom of Prussia, have set themselves in opposition against our brethren. It is difficult for us where freedom in religion is absolute and unquestioned, and where this freedom is productive of the best results, to conjecture how it can be,

that intelligent rulers, such as are the king and court of Prussia, can deem it necessary to place obstacles in the way of such labors as are those of Mr. Oncken and his coadjutors. It is impossible to attribute this policy to the love of oppression on the part of those rulers. It is to be accounted for in part by the circumstances of the time, and in part by misapprehensions concerning the character of the Baptists. When the late revolutions swept over Europe, democracy was allied to irreligion. Blasphemy sought to wed itself to liberty. The cause of constitutional governments had fallen into the worst possible hands, and especially in Germany. Under such circumstances it was easy and natural for the king of Prussia, who had manifested every disposition to favor freedom, to see, or think he saw, the necessity of falling back upon reaction as the only pledge of social safety. His judgment was the judgment of a large portion of the people, who, while they desired the growth of freedom, feared anarchy, and fell back upon absolutism as a remedy against riot and disorder. The church, linked with the state, fell even more naturally into the same policy. Its best men were most shocked by the irreligion of democracy, and were filled with the most serious fears of whatever tended in that way.

And at this point precisely the Baptists of Germany have been misapprehended by the civil and ecclesiastical authorities. Their church-government is popular and therefore suspected as tending to evil; their ideas of voluntariness in religion are in direct issue with the claims of a state religion as such, and besides this they have historically, but most unjustly, a bad name. The Anabaptists have been the horror of Europe for three centuries; and of the fanatics who gave rise to this feeling there can be no defence. But the Baptists of our time are by no means the descendants of the fanatics of the Reformation. That period of intense mental activity and freedom gave rise to excesses in many directions, and there is not a branch of Protestantism to which some stain does not attach with equal justice. The only historical connection of the Baptists of our time with the Reformation, is with those martyrs who, receiving with Luther the doctrine of justification by faith and of the supremacy of the word of God, differed from the great Reformer only in affirming that as faith was a personal act, so the profession of it must be, and that the churches of Christ, therefore, like the churches of apostolic times, should be voluntary associations of regenerated persons only. Their lives were pure, and their loyalty to civil authority unquestionable. But persecution was indiscriminating. Under the generic name of Anabaptists, they were put to death by tens of thousands, illustrating, under every form of trial and suffering, martyrdom as intelligent and serene as can be found in the history of the Christian faith. Of precisely such persons are the German Baptists of this day composed. Impurity of life is not tolerated within their communion; they are peaceable subjects, loyal to their king. None were more startled than they by the irreligion of democracy during the late revolutions, or had less sympathy with it. The freedom which they desire is that only which will enable them to worship God according to their interpretation of his word;—the lives they lead are peaceable ones in all godliness and honesty. The growth of their principles is the pledge of social quietness and order.

Your committee regard it as greatly important that measures should be taken to correct the misapprehensions which unquestionably prevail in Europe as to the character and designs of the Baptists. And under this view, they recommend that the Executive Committee be instructed to carry into effect the intimation which they have given, of an address to the king of Prussia. Such an address, fortified so far as practicable by the sanction of our own government, and presented through our national representative at the Prussian court,—a gentleman of the highest intellectual and moral accomplishments, and held in such estimation by the government to which he is accredited,—can hardly fail to gain consideration, and secure some amelioration of the condition of our brethren. Your committee earnestly

desire that this subject may have immediate and very ample attention, and that the prayers of this body may accompany the measure thus recommended.

Your committee will only add in conclusion an expression of their gratification at the appearance of the special paper on the principles on which our European missions are conducted. They recommend that it be published with the proceedings, and they ask for it the consideration of the friends and patrons of the Missionary Union.

PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONDUCT THE EUROPEAN MISSIONS.

The attention of the Committee having been specially drawn the past year to the state and claims of the German and French Missions, leading also to a more extended presentation of the same in their annual report, it has appeared to them reasonable and perhaps necessary to announce, briefly, the principles on which in their opinion the missions in Europe are to be conducted.

And 1. The work of the Missionary Union in Europe, is confessedly and by its necessary conditions an *auxiliary* service. We are not principals, but helpers. Our object is to aid Christian men in nominally Christian lands to do their own home work; in familiar phrase, *to help our European brethren to help themselves*. At some points and under certain combinations of circumstances it may be advisable, perhaps indispensable for a time, to bear a more prominent part; but the principle itself, of auxiliary coöperation, the Committee believe ought never to be lost sight of.

2. The form of our auxiliary service will mainly be pecuniary contributions. Europe can furnish its own laborers; but it needs the sinews of labor. Most of the members of evangelical churches—we mean of those in connection with the missions—are the poor of this world. They have but little which they can appropriate to public religious uses,—mere shreds of a severe frugality,—frugality the like of which in this country is hardly known. With this extreme poverty they have the additional burthen imposed by state religions; and are subject also, in many instances, to fines, imprisonment, banishment, and confiscation of goods.

3. The extent of our pecuniary aid is to be regulated by two classes of considerations. The first relates directly to those who are assisted—the influence on themselves, as also on the general field. Other things being equal, those are first to be aided who most willingly, if in their power, would have dispensed with our aid. Regard must also be had to the scope for future enlargement, and to the prospect held out by the churches of eventual self-support and of becoming agents of God's beneficence to others. This principle, which the Committee deem of highest importance in graduating the amount of their appropriations in Europe, is involved in the first-mentioned elemental idea of auxiliary service, and is moreover commended to careful observance by moral evils induced by long-standing abuses. The Committee are impressed with the conviction that, while both in France and Germany there are most honorable and praiseworthy exceptions, the people generally are laboring under a disability in regard to the support of religious institutions and the spread of the gospel, arising from immemorial usage, more deadening in its influence and more difficult to be overcome than even the physical weakness arising from poverty. The people have been trained to inaction. The church is supported by the state. The state builds its houses of worship and salaries its ministers. The people *pay*, nor is the exaction the less onerous because of its circuitous course in reaching its destination; but it is in the form of civil assessments, and as a part of the ordinary ministrations of government. Churches *as such* and individuals have not been accustomed in regard to these interests to act independently and for themselves, but to be acted upon; not to do the work, but have it done for them. Religious *voluntarism*, as well as civil, is little known. With many, (we speak of

the masses,) the idea is yet to be formed; with more, to be embodied in purpose and act.

A discriminating and economical appropriating of funds to European missions is further enforced by the priority of our obligations to the heathen. The primary object in forming our missionary organization was to evangelize heathen nations, and it is primary still. Every missionary qualified and willing, is to be sent to the heathen; and he is so to be supplied with helps to labor, that he go not in vain. This limits the amount of our pecuniary supply for evangelization in Europe, at least in principle, and in the order of supply. It might be no limitation in fact, were we to fill up the measure of our ability. Our temporal wealth exceeds our spiritual; we have more money than men. At least, there is no necessity to limit money *by men*.

The Committee dispensing as accountable stewards, on the principles above stated, the means entrusted to their charge, take pleasure in announcing as a fourth principle,

4. With respect to the interior direction of the missions and the adjustment of details, a generous confidence is to be reposed in our native missionary brethren. There are men among them not only of Christian integrity, but of high intelligence and practical tact, and of a noble, self-forgetting benevolence. And they are men favorably situated to know the conditions and necessities of their work, and one another their fellow workers. They live among their own people, are under their own governments, are subject to their own laws. In Germany, more especially, where our brethren have been left by divine providence without the presence of an American missionary, the workmen are tried men, and the work in their hands has prospered abundantly. The principles of our organization, as at home, so abroad are to be religiously maintained, and foreign equally with home laborers are to be held to a strict accountability; but subject to this accountability and under the control of these principles, foreign laborers, no less than home, are entitled to such a measure of Christian confidence as shall allow them to fulfil their service without needless interference and to the largest effect.

This freedom in action, conceded to our European brethren, does not preclude the proffer of our aid in counsel; on the contrary, it calls for it. In their incipient efforts, it is not arrogant to suppose, they may gather instruction from our experience. Our principles and maxims have been tested, our forms of organization and of benevolent activity are results of experiment. For substance of faith and practice they will abide by their own convictions, as we do by ours, derived from the word of God. But in subordinate matters, whether relating to church building or to outward relations, it is well that they note the springs and channels of our prosperity;—"which they are forward to do."

5. Dispensing to the missions in Europe according to their need and the ability which God may give to us and with a generous confidence, we shall still owe to our brethren there, in no ordinary measure, our sympathies and our prayers. The social, civil and political state of continental Europe, and not less the religious, has made slow advances during the last three centuries; in some respects it has retrograded. Principles familiarized to us from our earliest years, and usages which are universally regarded among us as natural rights, are there unknown, or known only to be contemned and trodden down. Union of church and state is held to be an essential good. Dissent is a crime. The rights of conscience, asserted by a few, are with the many virtually null and void. The period of their full realization, we fear, is distant, and the years that intervene may be to these our brethren in Christ years of bitter trial and suffering.

6. It is ever to be borne in mind that the aid we aim and labor to impart to our brethren in Europe is evangelical and spiritual. It is to help in the promulgation of the gospel of Christ. *And it is nothing but this.* Ours is not an earthly enter-

prise. It has nothing to do, of its own direct bearing, with things civil or political. It is not revolutionary. Christ's kingdom is not of this world; and its progress and prosperity may have their largest measure, if such be His will, even though existing forms of earthly dominion continue to the end of time.

The Committee on Burman and Karen Missions reported through Rev. S. Bailey, D. D., chairman.

The report was adopted, and referred, with the special paper on the Reöpening of Burmah, to the consideration of the Union.

The Committee on the Siam and China Missions reported through Rev. E. Lathrop, chairman.

The report was adopted, and directed to be read to the Union, and printed.

REPORT.

The committee to whom were referred those portions of the Annual Report which relate to the missions in Siam and China, would respectfully submit the following:

The deepest feelings of grief and joy, of apprehension and hope, are intermingled in the review of the providential dealings which have marked the history of those missions during the past year. At our last annual gathering the intelligence of the destruction of the buildings and other property of the Siam Mission, by fire, produced the most painful forebodings in many minds as to the further progress of missionary operations in that direction; and some, it may be, were disposed to yield to the despondency which, naturally, so overwhelming a disaster begets. *That* calamity, however, was not irreparable, and already the marks of physical improvement are obliterating the melancholy vestiges of the conflagration which in 1851 laid the mission premises in ashes. But in the event which has removed from the Siam Mission its founder and long tried friend we recognize a calamity which money cannot repair,—a want which God alone can supply. In the death of the lamented Jones—a man singularly qualified by every natural and every gracious endowment for the position which he occupied—the mission has sustained a loss not easily computed. If other disasters have seemed strange, *this* surely is a mystery which it were little short of presumption to attempt to unravel. It is one of those trials of faith, we doubt not, which is needful to the working of that “patience” which produces “experience,” and which leads, in the end, to a hope that “maketh not ashamed.” Though cast down, we are not in despair. The Lord God omnipotent reigneth; and we may safely trust the wisdom which, now, we cannot comprehend. Your committee, however, are deeply impressed, by this event, with the great desirableness and indeed the *necessity* of so reinforcing the missions already established as not to impose upon any *one man* such an amount of labor and responsibility as must inevitably and prematurely sink him to the grave, while he leaves none behind him to carry forward the well-begun work to which years of unremitting solicitude and toil have been devoted. Who, now, will complete the task which Jones had so successfully commenced?

While, however, we grieve for the past, we rejoice and are hopeful in view of the budding prospects which greet us as to the future of Siam. The governmental obstacles which but a year ago hindered the gospel, and which for many years had hindered it, are in a great measure removed; and of that kingdom, as of Burmah, it may be said, in a sense not hitherto justifiable, that it is open to evangelical effort. The field is already white;—laborers alone are wanted.

With regard to the Chinese Missions your committee would unite in expressions of devout gratitude for the tokens of spiritual prosperity which are beginning to

reward the laborers in that interesting but difficult field. The mission at Hong Kong, especially, has enjoyed evident manifestations of the presence and power of the Divine Spirit—an earnest, we trust, of the plentiful harvest which is yet, and surely, to be gathered.

Your committee notice with regret that Mr. and Mrs. Lord have been compelled, in consequence of the declining health of the latter, to withdraw, temporarily, from the mission at Ningpo. We cannot but express the hope and breathe the prayer that those beloved missionaries may soon be permitted, with invigorated strength, to return to their chosen labors in China, and that they may be spared yet many years to preach Christ to those who now know him not.

Your committee would respectfully, but earnestly, recommend that continued and increased attention be given to the missions in Siam and in China.

The Committee on the Bassa Mission reported through Rev. C. P. Sheldon, chairman.

The report was adopted, and ordered to be read to the Union, and printed.

REPORT.

The committee on the Bassa Mission would respectfully report as follows :

In the work of missions in Africa, Christians of this land cannot but have a mournful yet earnest and solemn interest. If any people in the world have a claim upon our sympathies, prayers, and efforts for their evangelization, most truly have the African race. While avarice, both among our own countrymen and others, has been robbing Africa of her children, it is most fitting and appropriate that Christians in return seek to send her the gospel and the missionary of the cross. Discouraging as in some respects is the field, and great as are the obstacles in the way of missionary effort in it, yet labor there has not been in vain—the seed has been sown—schools have been gathered—souls have been converted—and fruit is being borne, to the glory of God. Though during another long year the native brethren have been compelled to labor on uncheered by the presence of the missionary, yet we rejoice to hear that “under the care of the native assistants this mission holds on its way, and though feeble, is carrying forward the work entrusted to it.” It affords your committee great pleasure also to learn, that one of the missionaries under appointment has been willing to devote himself to this mission, and has been designated to this field, and that a strong hope is cherished that before another year shall close, both he and a colleague shall have entered upon their labors in it. While your committee believe that to a great extent the work of evangelization in Africa must be carried on by native Africans or those of African descent, and have great hope for her spiritual welfare from the planting of colonies from this country with their civil and religious institutions, on her shores, and that thus under God her robbery and her wrong shall be turned into her great good; yet we doubt not that this Board should sustain and strengthen, as far as is consistent with other claims, the mission already planted there, and that missionaries from this country ought, and should be encouraged, to go and labor there even unto death, for the salvation of the benighted and the perishing. We therefore heartily approve and earnestly commend to the sympathies and prayers of the churches, the efforts of the Executive Committee to sustain and increase the efficiency of this mission.

The Committee on the Assam and Teloo goo Missions reported through Prof. M. B. Anderson, chairman.

The report was adopted and ordered to be printed.

REPORT.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the Executive Committee as refers to the missions among the Assamese and the Telooagoos, have given attention to those subjects and ask leave to report.

These missions are peculiar as being the only points in which American Baptists have made the attempt to assist in the evangelization of the tribes connected by language and race with the population of Hindostan. Though your committee as a general principle would discourage the scattering of our evangelical forces, they cannot but feel that the providential indications that led to the establishment of these missions were clear and decided. There is one circumstance which seems to impose upon Christendom a special duty in reference to Hindostan. The system of Brahminism has received repeated shocks from the advancement of Western science, from the prevalence of Mohammedanism and from the preaching of Protestant Christianity. These causes, which (especially in the minds of the more intelligent) have broken the unquestioning faith of the people, will, unless counteracted by the adoption of a pure Christianity, leave the population to grow up in that universal scepticism to which the Hindoo metaphysics so directly tend. It is not to be disguised that a large portion of the most cultivated and powerful intellect of Hindostan is already prepared to pass into a state similar to that which so extensively prevails in Germany and France. All the methods and conclusions of the so-called spiritual or transcendental schools of modern philosophy, which have so undermined faith and diffused an undeveloped sceptical tendency over Christendom; which by its insensible influence has perverted the methods of theological investigation and destroyed to a great extent the positiveness, simplicity and directness of Protestant preaching; have been anticipated in the repositories of Hindoo thought, and pervade and modify the entire range of Hindoo literature. It is well known that this literature has been extensively translated into the languages of Modern Europe and is at this moment studied with a diligence worthy of a better theme. The cold and glittering scepticism of a well-known class of New England writers has borrowed some of its most subtle errors and brilliant illustrations from the Eastern mind. When the positive system of faith and doctrines in which he has been educated, passes away from the intelligent Hindoo, he has nothing to replace it unless he is met at once by the "life and immortality" brought to light in the gospel. Unless we meet them in this transition state with the doctrines of Christ, the whole of the better classes of population will inevitably be set afloat upon a sea of doubt without bottom or a shore.

Besides, the Hindoos are the philosophers of the East. Their culture and ideas will always influence powerfully the whole Eastern mind. They are now to some extent, and are destined prospectively in a still higher degree to be, to the East, what the Greeks and the Germans are and have been to Europe and America. The ultimate conversion of the Eastern nations is closely connected with the tone and character of the next two generations of Hindoo population. We all know that the baldest scepticism can be as fanatical and as cruel as the grossest superstition. The great problem now before Christendom is not how to break down superstition in India, but how to save India from infidelity. From the position and relations of India this must be an object in which every mission in South Eastern Asia has a common interest. It is fit and proper, then, that as Baptists we should bear our part in this work.

Your committee have made these remarks simply to indicate their sense of the general importance of these missions and the position which they hold. They have not thought proper to recapitulate the statistics and statements showing the actual and most encouraging state of these missions, which are so compactly and clearly set forth in the papers already submitted to the Board. In common with others, they have listened with deep interest to the accounts of the labors and success of

the missionaries, and all their inquiries have led them to the conclusion that these labors have been conducted with wisdom, vigor and efficiency, and that no change is demanded in the policy of the Board or in the plans adopted by the missionaries. They believe that the character of the Teloo goo and Assamese people, the state of the Hindoo mind and its power in forming and directing opinion in the East, and the imminent danger that infidelity will occupy those intellectual mansions from which the devil of superstition has been cast out, all conspire to make it clearly our duty to sustain and encourage these missions, so far as is consistent with the just claims of other fields of labor; and especially to reinforce the mission among the Teloo goos as soon as the requisite men and funds can be commanded.

The Committee on Finances returned their report amended.

The report and resolution were adopted and ordered to be printed.

REPORT.

The committee appointed on the subject of finance beg leave to report, that it is matter of devout thanksgiving to God, that the amount proposed to be raised during the last financial year—namely, \$125,000, was realized within a very small sum, and the liabilities incurred by the Executive Committee have been fully met and cancelled; and especially are we called upon to render thanks for God's merciful interposition, and for happy relief in an hour of uncommon anxiety, consequent on the great delay of contributions and remittances from the churches.

For several years past, this procrastination has occasioned much solicitude as to the final result of the fiscal year, and whether a very serious and humiliating debt would not be reported by the treasurer; but the apprehensions in regard to the issue of that just closed were of the most painful character, even to the last day of the year. Could this embarrassment be removed, as your committee confidently believe it might, by a more seasonable and early attention on the part of the churches in making and transmitting their contributions, the Executive Board would not only be saved a very severe and unnecessary state of suspense, but the friends of missions generally, also, who share in all the anxieties of the Rooms, and our beloved missionaries, perhaps, more than any others.

Therefore, in view of the embarrassments heretofore existing, and in order to guard in future against similar difficulties, your committee offer the following resolution:—

Resolved, That it be recommended to the pastors of churches, and all others interested in the success of our missions, to give the subject special attention, and to exert themselves in securing collections and remittances in the early part of the fiscal year.

The Committee on Agencies returned their report amended.

The report was adopted and ordered to be printed.

REPORT.

The committee on agencies ask leave to report that they entirely concur with the Executive Committee in the belief that a well-organized system of agencies, for the collection of funds, is indispensable to the highest efficiency of the home work of the Union.

They are also deeply impressed with the conviction that no such system can exclude the necessity of cordial and active coöperation on the part of pastors, life members, and other friends of missions.

With these views, the committee have simply to recommend that the agents of the Union make it one prominent object of their labors, to induce all the churches included within their several districts, to make stated and liberal contributions to the treasury, whether visited by them or not.

The Committee on Indian Missions reported through Rev. T. Winter, chairman.

The report and resolution were adopted and ordered to be read to the Union, to give an opportunity to Rev. Evan Jones, missionary to the Cherokees, with Oganaya and Lewis Downing, two native brethren, to address the body.

REPORT.

The committee on Indian missions, in reporting on the subject committed to them, ask leave to say :

That the missionary exertions of this and of kindred associations to evangelize the untutored aborigines of our common country, happily express two important truths:—the first is our duty to labor for the spiritual and eternal good of this interesting portion of our race;—and the second is the practicability, with the blessing of God, of securing those great results. As to the first, there can be but one opinion among those who entertain just views of that great Commission of our ascended Lord to his Church, to preach the gospel to every creature. But beside the universal obligation which this gracious commission lays on the Church, it were easy to show, did necessity require or the occasion admit it, that toward the aboriginal inhabitants of this land a peculiar obligation rests on its Christian population. This obligation results less from their proximity to us, than from facts connected with the past and the present in our civil and political relations to them. With some important benefits growing out of these relations, the Indian tribes have suffered many and grievous wrongs at the hands of the white man; on which, however, your committee have no disposition to expatiate. These wrongs admit of no adequate atonement. But *this* the friends of God and of the red man can do—and in a measure *are* doing—we can act on the sacred obligation which we are under to impart to these hapless tribes, to the utmost practicable extent, the unsearchable riches of the glorious gospel of Christ; and these received and enjoyed by them will prove an inheritance of unspeakably more value than any temporal inheritance, whose sequestration in times past may have filled their hearts with resentment and reasonable sorrow.

And as to the second truth indicated by our exertions for the Indian tribes—the practicability, with the blessing of God on our labors, of bringing them to the feet of Christ—the results of these labors, as given from year to year, afford conclusive and highly encouraging proof. Thousands of these tribes, who once roamed through the forests in quest of a precarious subsistence, have been reduced and won over to habits of sober and regular industry; cultivating the soil with the skill of Christian civilization, and depending on its products for a more sure support. And, what is of infinitely greater account, many of them have been brought to know, to love, and to obey the Saviour, and to enjoy the hope of the regenerate child of God.

Your committee have heard with great pleasure the report of the Executive Committee on this subject, as presented at our present meeting. It is true, as might have been expected, some few facts presented are adapted to excite regret and awaken our Christian solicitude, as to the condition of one or two of the stations. But in most of the missions under your care, there is much to occasion hearty thanksgiving to the God of Missions, and from which great encouragement may be reasonably drawn to give more and to labor more for the moral and social elevation, and the spiritual and everlasting good, of our Indian tribes.

In particular, your committee are highly gratified by the efforts made at the several mission stations to benefit the younger portion of the tribes by schools and bible-classes,—and by the interest taken in these efforts by those for whom they are especially intended. We regard this as a very important feature in the system of

labor adopted by our missionary brethren, and one entitled to continued and prayerful support.

Your committee have heard that part of the report relating to the Cherokee Mission, with great and unmingled delight. And there is one fact in particular to which we may be allowed in an especial manner to advert, because it prominently evidences the spread and triumph of correct views and principles through the ministry of the gospel, and the susceptibility of the Indian's heart to such triumphs. The fact to which we advert, is the entire extinction of the evil and guilt of slavery in the churches of that Mission;—a reform which our missionary brother Jones justly deems worthy of devout thanksgiving to God.

Your committee are not aware of anything further connected with the Indian Missions, which calls for an extension of their report; but, in conclusion, offer the following resolution for adoption by the Board.

Resolved, That in view of the manifest approbation of God on the labors of the Missionary Union among our Indian tribes, as apparent in the great and continued good resulting, we are furnished with sufficient incentives to continue and increase these labors.

Resolved, That the Board recommend to the Union to appropriate the evening of Thursday to the preaching of the annual sermon, by Rev. V. R. Hotchkiss, of N. Y.

The Committee on "Expenditures of 1852-3" reported through Rev. E. G. Robinson, chairman.

The report and resolution were adopted and referred to the Union, with the special paper on that subject.

On motion of Rev. E. Lathrop, a committee was appointed on grants from coördinate societies, and other sources.

Rev. Messrs. E. Lathrop, M. B. Anderson and G. W. Samson, were appointed the committee.

Resolved, That the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretaries be directed to present abstracts of their reports to the Union.

Resolved, That the Chairman and Recording Secretary be instructed to report to the Union the proceedings of the Board.

Adjourned till 7½ o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Rev. D. Robinson, of Ia.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7½ o'clock.

The Board met. The services were commenced with singing by the choir, and prayer by Rev. E. Dodge, of N. H.

Rev. J. M. Haswell, missionary from Burmah, addressed the meeting.

The Committee on grants from coördinate societies and other sources, reported through Rev. G. W. Samson.

The report was referred to the new Board.

A collection was taken, amounting to \$84.00, in behalf of the Missionary Union.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Herron, Senior Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh.

M. J. RHEES,

Recording Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MISSIONARY UNION.

PITTSBURGH, May 20, 1852.

The American Baptist Missionary Union convened this day at 10 o'clock, A. M., in the meeting house of the First Presbyterian Church, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to hold its thirty-eighth annual meeting.

The President being absent, Rev. Elisha Tucker, D, D., one of the Vice Presidents, took the chair, and called the meeting to order.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Silas Tucker, of Ill.

The Recording Secretary being absent, Rev. M. J. Rhees was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

The President made a few appropriate remarks.

Rev. Messrs. S. Haskell, of Mich., N. P. Foster, of N. H., G. P. Nice, of N. J., L. Ransted, of O., J. F. Brown, of Pa., and Messrs. R. J. Larcombe, of N. Y., and M. W. Pond, of Mass., were appointed a committee to ascertain the names of the members present; and subsequently reported as follows:

The whole number enrolled is 174, of whom 136 are ministers. From Maine there are three members; New Hampshire, two; Vermont, three; Massachusetts, nineteen; Rhode Island, one; Connecticut, three; New York, thirty-eight; New Jersey, five; Pennsylvania, twenty-eight; Ohio, fifty; Illinois, six; Indiana, three; Michigan, six; Wisconsin, one; Iowa, one; Indian Territory, three; Burmah, one; China, one.

MAINE.

Lorenzo B. Allen,	J. Gillpatrick,	Mylon Merriam.
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NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Ebenezer Dodge,	N. Parker Foster.
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VERMONT.

Moses H. Bixby,	Joseph C. Foster,	Rufus Smith.
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MASSACHUSETTS.

Edward Bright, Jr.,	Alanson P. Mason,	Horace Seaver,
B. P. Byram,	Robert C. Mills,	S. F. Smith,
Lewis E. Caswell,	Solomon Peck,	Lucius E. Smith,
James W. Converse,	George W. Patch,	John C. Stockbridge,
S. S. Cutting,	Moses W. Pond,	Andrew Ward.
Richard E. Eddy,	Thomas Richardson,	
John Girdwood,	G. W. Samson,	

RHODE ISLAND.

Nathan Mason.

CONNECTICUT.

Edward T. Hiscox,	Harvey Miller,	S. Dryden Phelps.
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NEW YORK.

M. B. Anderson,
Rufus Babcock,
Joseph Ballard,
David Barrell,
A. C. Barrell,
A. M. Beebee,
William B. Bunnell,
David Burbank,
A. H. Burlingham,
Thomas J. Cole,
Samuel Colgate,
Thomas D. Chollar,
L. Church,

Orrin Dodge,
Hilar R. Dakin,
Charles A. Fox,
Elon Galusha,
Salem T. Griswold,
V. R. Hotchkiss,
Charles Hibbard,
C. W. Houghton,
Daniel Harrington,
Heman H. Haff,
Silas Illsley,
John B. Jones,
M. A. Kingsbury,

S. R. Kelley,
Edward Lathrop,
Richard J. Larcombe,
James S. Ladd,
Sewall M. Osgood,
R. F. Parshall,
E. F. Platt,
M. J. Rhees,
J. L. Richmond,
J. T. Seeley,
C. P. Sheldon,
William Winterton.

NEW JERSEY.

H. C. Fish,
G. P. Nice,

Daniel C. Whitman,
James F. Wilcox,

William V. Wilson.

PENNSYLVANIA.

A. K. Bell,
J. Newton Brown,
James F. Brown,
John P. Crozer,
John R. Downer,
Leonard H. Eaton,
J. Estep,
Abraham D. Gillette,
Francis Herron,
Henry C. Howell,

William B. Jacobs,
Abner G. Kirk,
Heman Lincoln,
Richard Lewis,
James M. Linnard,
Jacob Morris,
William John Pettigrew,
Jesse M. Purrinton,
Daniel B. Purrinton,
Henry B. Shermer,

William Shadrach,
Thomas E. Thomas,
Jesse Thomas,
Mark R. Watkinson,
Thomas Wattson,
S. Williams,
Thomas Winter,
G. W. Young.

OHIO.

Aaron D. Abbott,
Seymour W. Adams,
Joseph Clay Armstrong,
Samuel Ashmore,
Silas Bailey,
James L. Batchelder,
E. F. Brown,
Joseph Brown,
Peter Carpenter,
Jefferson Chambers,
D. B. Cheney,
Charles A. Clark,
Ira Corwin,
John W. Courtney,
Henry Coombs,
J. M. Chapman,
P. C. Dayfoot,

Charles A. Dean,
Edwin Eaton,
Henry Eastman,
Thomas W. Ewart,
Frederick R. Freeman,
George W. Fuller,
Samuel Gorman,
Jeremiah Hall,
O. A. Holmes,
Thomas G. Inman,
Philo P. Kennedy,
L. G. Leonard,
Thomas G. Lamb,
N. Martin,
Stephen B. Page,
Charles Platt,
David J. Phillips,

H. M. Richardson,
J. T. Roberts,
J. D. Riley,
L. Ransted,
Ezekiel G. Robinson,
John Seaman,
B. Y. Siegfried,
O. B. Stone,
J. Stevens,
Benjamin Thomas,
David E. Thomas,
J. W. B. Tisdale,
Lyman Whitney,
Lyman Wilder,
Francis Wood,
E. C. H. Willoughby.

ILLINOIS.

Jirah D. Cole,
John N. Tolman,

Elisha Tucker,
Silas Tucker,

T. C. Teasdale,
H. G. Weston.

INDIANA.

Judson R. Osgood,

Demas Robinson,

N. V. Steadman.

MICHIGAN.

Marvin Allen,
Isaac K. Brownson,

Supply Chase,
Samuel Haskell,

Elisha H. Hamlin,
Evan J. Thomas.

WISCONSIN.

William H. Byron.

IOWA.

G. J. Johnson.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Lewis Downing,

Evan Jones,

Oganaya.

BURMAH.

J. M. Haswell.

CHINA.

E. C. Lord.

Rev. M. J. Rhees, Secretary of the Board of Managers, read the following communication from that body, which was accepted.

REPORT.

To the American Baptist Missionary Union the Board of Managers respectfully report :

That at the meeting of the Board, immediately after the last session of the Union, the following resolution was adopted, and is now, in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, submitted to the Union.

Resolved, That the Board recommend to the Union, at its next session, the following alterations to the 3d Article of the Constitution :

To add in the first line after "*Life Members*," the words "*and Annual Members*."

To add at the end of the Article the following, "*or Annual Members by the payment at one time of not less than fifty dollars*."

The Board assembled, under the directions of the Constitution, on Tuesday, May 18, 1852, at Pittsburgh, Pa. The reports of the Treasurer and Executive Committee were presented to the Board, and submitted to a careful investigation through special committees appointed by the Board. These Reports are submitted to the Union, and will be published with the proceedings of our meetings. An abstract will be presented to the Union.

The following items are presented as calling [for the consideration and action of the Union.

That the annual sermon be preached by Rev. V. R. Hotchkiss, on Thursday evening, May 20th, at 7 1-2 o'clock, in the meeting-house of the First Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh.

The report of the Committee on the Burman and Karen Missions, with a special paper on the "Reöpening of Burmah," being of great interest, they are referred to the Union for consideration and action.

The report of the Committee on the Siam and China Missions was in like manner directed to be read to the Union, and that an opportunity be presented to Rev. E. C. Lord, returned missionary from China, to address the Union in reference to that mission.

The report of the Committee on the Bassa Mission was directed to be read to the Union.

The Rev. Evan Jones with two native Cherokees being present, the Board take pleasure in introducing them to the Union; and that an opportunity may be given to them to address the body, the Board refer the report on that mission.

A paper on the "Expenditures of 1852-3," with the report of the Committee on that paper, is also submitted to the Union, with the request that this subject be made the special business for Friday morning.

The meetings of the Board have been characterized by a kind, fraternal spirit, and we trust a fresh impulse has been given to the missionary zeal of all who have been attending the session. It is the earnest prayer of the Board that the influence of the Holy Spirit may be experienced in large measure by the Union during all its meetings, and that liberal things may be devised and executed for the enlargement of our efforts to give the gospel of Christ to all the nations of the earth.

ELISHA TUCKER, *Chairman.*

M. J. RHEES, *Rec. Secretary.*

Rev. Messrs. H. G. Weston, of Ill., E. Lathrop, of N. Y., H. Lincoln, of Pa., H. C. Fish, of N. J., H. Miller, of Ct., J. C. Foster, of Vt., E. Dodge, of N. H., L. B. Allen, of Me., D. B. Cheney, of O., M. Allen, of Mich., G. J. Johnson, of Iowa, and Messrs. J. W. Converse, of Mass., N. Mason, of R. I. J. R. Osgood, of Ia., and W. H. Byron, of Wis., were appointed a committee to nominate twenty-five persons to be elected as members of the Board of Managers.

Resolved, That the election take place at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and that the committee be instructed to report by printed ballots as early as practicable.

The times of meeting were fixed at 9 o'clock, A. M., and 2½ and 7½ o'clock, P. M., and of adjournment, at 12, M., and 5, P. M.

The Treasurer, R. E. Eddy, Esq., presented an abstract of his Annual Report to the Board of Managers, which was accepted.

The Corresponding Secretary for the Foreign Department read an Abstract of the Report of the Executive Committee to the Board of Managers, which was accepted.

Rev. Messrs. S. Illsley, of N. Y., L. E. Caswell, of Mass., D. Robinson, of Ia., S. W. Adams, of O., S. Tucker, of Ill., W. B. Jacobs, of Pa., and S. D. Phelps, of Ct., were appointed a committee to designate the place for the next annual meeting; also to nominate some person to preach the annual sermon.

The recommendation of the Board, that the annual sermon be preached by Rev. V. R. Hotchkiss, of N. Y., this evening at 7½ o'clock, was approved.

Resolved, That the pastors of churches contributing to the funds of the Missionary Union, although not members of the same, be invited to a seat with us, and to participate in our discussions and deliberations.

The Foreign Secretary read the special paper on the "Reöpening of Burmah," and the Report on Burman and Karen missions was presented, in accordance with the directions of the Board.

REOPENING OF BURMAH.

The Executive Committee, accustomed to report to the Board not only their own doings and plans but the general progress of the work committed to them, and whatever is supposed to concern materially its advancement, feel called upon especially to advert to events in divine providence which by their great moment and near relevancy seem in an unusual degree to affect the claims of the enterprise and the measure of our responsibility. Such an event has occurred, or is now in course of

development, with respect to the reöpening of Burmah Proper to missionary labor. War exists between Burmah and the British East India Company;—and judging from past history, its sure issue will be the subjugation of Burmah to British influence if not to British rule. Already, if not formally yet substantially, Burmah is open. The missionary, advancing as strife ceases, may soon go every where, preaching the word; and every where the Karen and Burman will be alike free to worship the Eternal God with “none to make afraid.” How adorable is the grace of Almighty God, and “his mercy on them that fear him, from generation to generation. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.” On behalf of the persecuted and oppressed but now disenthralled Karen, on behalf of our missionary brethren so long held back from this most inviting and first chosen of our missionary fields—“the beginning of our strength,”—on behalf of the benighted millions whom, we trust, the dayspring from on high is now about to visit, the Executive Committee invite the Board of Managers to unite with them in devout thanksgivings.

Burmah is open. It is an event long sought, long waited for, and now suddenly by the hand of God’s providence, while we are yet speaking, brought to pass. Are we ready to meet it? What responsibilities does it lay upon us? What does it call upon us, God helping, to endeavor to do?

In contemplating what answer God would have us give to these inquiries, the Executive Committee are pressed and straitened. It is not simply the broad extent and attractiveness and promise of the opening field, so familiar to all of us; not its singleness of assignment to our culture; not the more than a generation of years that have elapsed since its first occupancy; not the preparations accumulated for effective labor—the bands of experienced missionaries, the auxiliary churches, the schools, the press; it is not, with these, the concurrent fresh awakening of missionary interest abroad and at home, the spontaneous, generous eagerness breaking forth on every side, to enter in and possess that “exceeding good land.” The Committee are oppressed, rather, in view of the magnitude of the enterprise if worthily prosecuted, and of the demands which, *so prosecuted*, it will inevitably make, year after year, on the liberality, the self-denial, the constancy, of the American churches.

The Board have no occasion for a lengthened exposition of what in the judgment of the Executive Committee would be a worthy effort to evangelize Burmah. On this point, as is abundantly known, the Board and the Committee are of one mind, and the sentiments they hold in common are on the records of many of our annual meetings. “Our aim and effort should be not penuriousness, but exuberance of supply; our measure not what we may safely withhold, but what effectively bestow; our object not tolerance, but conquest.”—Paper of Committee, 1850. And say the Board in 1851, “If we do not give our strength, yea, our chief strength, to Burmah, we are recreant to our high vocation.” The only question that burdens and weighs down the minds of the Committee is, Has the Missionary Union, have the churches, have *we* of the Baptist communion in this country, the *moral power* not to undertake only, but to achieve this work, and to achieve it, on a *just grade* of operations, *in its due time*?

The Committee assume two things; 1st, that the Board and Union design to carry forward the existing missions, divine providence so guiding; 2d, that existing stations among Burmans and Karens are not to be abandoned and broken up for the mere object of founding new stations. They have been adopted and established after long deliberation, under the guidance of God’s providence, with much cost of life and property and travail; they have accomplished, and have multiplied their means and facilities to accomplish, great and increasing good.

Admitting the justness of these premises, and that existing missions and stations

are to be continued and properly sustained, receiving from the Union a just measure of increase answering to their growth and growing claims, the question submitted to us by the reöpening of Burmah, distinctly stated, is, Have we the moral power to occupy it, on a just scale of operations, *in addition* to our present missions and stations with *their* present and prospective expenditures? In other words, Can the Committee safely rely on receiving year by year such an *increased* supply of men and means as shall be indispensable, while adequately sustaining our present system of operations, to meet the *additional* demand for the evangelizing of Burmah? Our present annual income and annual increase, with a correspondent annual addition to the number of laborers, have been found by experiment to be the lowest adequate amount for the successful prosecution of the missions *as they now are*. It would be a moderate apportionment for Burmah reöpened, to allot to it *other* five men with an *additional annual* increase of \$5000 expenditure (the increase sometimes rising to \$10,000.) Can this *additional* supply of missionaries, and of funds to sustain them, with this *enlarged ratio* of aggregate annual increase, be *confidently anticipated*? Is it a *safe basis* for the Executive Committee on which to lay out their operations for the reöccupancy and evangelization of Burmah?

The Committee refrain from enlarging, in this paper, on the deeply momentous considerations which this topic suggests. Their simple object has been to bring the great event of the year—the reöpening of Burmah—directly to the notice of the Board of Managers, and in view of the obligations which it imposes and of “the cost” either of fulfilling or neglecting them, to obtain the light of their counsel and receive their instructions.

REPORT.

The Committee on the Burman and Karen Missions beg leave to report.

Whenever God's people are in the way of duty, he usually gives them some token of his approbation. This has been often verified in the history of modern missions. They were commenced with no other encouragement than that which is wont to come to the mind by the exercise of a vigorous faith. And, though he has sometimes severely tried, yet, sooner or later, he has abundantly honored this implicit confidence in his word. This is emphatically true of the missions of this Board in Burmah. Scenes of thrilling interest have, for many years past, been transpiring in that land of darkness. And prospects, rich beyond the anticipations of the most enthusiastic, have, from time to time, opened before the laborers in that great harvest field.

The schools connected with the mission are in a prosperous condition. Upon some of them, during the past year, the Holy Spirit has descended, and some who were dead have been made alive and the lost have been found. In the opinion of your committee, these institutions of learning should receive all the encouragement which it is possible to give them without diverting the attention of missionaries too much from their appropriate work. We learn with regret that there is any necessity for a suspension of the Karen Theological Seminary at Maulmain. At a time when the demand for well-trained native preachers is rapidly increasing, this institution should be kept in vigorous operation. Instead of returning the young men to their homes, or scattering them among the churches even, provision should be made whereby they may complete the prescribed course of study. Also a special effort should be made to gather in others, who give promise of future usefulness. No work, save the direct preaching of the gospel, is more important to the permanence and prosperity of these missions, than that which is done by the theological and normal schools.

From want of time and space, your committee are obliged to pass over, in silence, many points of interest in the present condition and prospects of the missions

referred to them. They would, however, call the special attention of the Board to the paper on the "Reöpening of Burmah."

The train of events affecting the prospects of the mission to Burmah Proper, are of the most instructive and extraordinary character. The king and the subordinate officers have for years set themselves up against the Lord and against his anointed. It has been with difficulty that the churches could maintain their existence. They have been utterly unable to use some of the most powerful instrumentalities for the extension of the kingdom of Christ. Shut up within their mountains, or keeping hold of a precarious existence in the towns and cities, they have cried unto God for deliverance. Having themselves no influence at court, and unable to exert any through others, prayer has been their last and only resort; and He that sitteth on the circle of the earth, holding the hearts of princes in his hands, has heard their prayer and come to their relief. "He will cast the horse and his rider into a deep sleep, and none of the men of might will be able to find their hands."

It is remarkable, that, amidst all the hindrances and opposition which they have been called to encounter, their confidence in God has not forsaken them. The intrepid missionary, standing on the borders of Burmah and hesitating whether he should advance or retreat, has witnessed their zeal and confidence in God and taken courage. "I feel ashamed," writes Mr. Kincaid, "when I look on this people so full of faith and steadfastness—so certain that the day of deliverance is at hand, and that the empire of darkness will be overturned. The seal of God is upon this people." In all our plans and efforts for their evangelization, we must not lose sight of this important fact. We must evince to them that we are partakers of the like precious faith, and we must, as they have done, show our faith by our works.

But we are not confined to the mere exercise of faith, either in ourselves or in others, for encouragement in prosecuting this work. This is only one of the ways in which God has favored it. Though enough of itself to justify us in laying out our plan of operations on the most liberal scale, yet we have other considerations of great weight.

He has wonderfully blessed all we have done, or attempted to do, throughout this empire. Standing where we do this day, and looking back over the way in which he has led us these forty years, who can lay his hand on a single adverse act of his providence, touching our labors in this great empire? Who can find a single event which he, now, would have other than it is? There has been war once and again, and, for the time being, there has been a suspension of missionary labor and a breaking up of churches and a dispersion of native Christians, and yet, when the conflict terminated and the smoke of battle lifted itself up, we found a great enlargement of the field, and new and increased facilities for its cultivation. The lives of the missionaries have often been in most imminent danger. The moment of their death has often been fixed by powers over which neither we nor they could have any control. Only an hour, apparently, lay between them and death, sometimes only an instant, and yet God has interposed and said "Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm." And if any have fallen, as we have thought, prematurely, we have afterwards learned that they slew more in their death than in their lives.

Again, during the years that Burmah Proper has been closed against our efforts, the work has been advancing in all the provinces lying upon its borders. The languages spoken within, have been studied and mastered. Tracts have been written and the bible translated and printed. Living, earnest men, men full of the Holy Ghost, stand ready and panting to go up and proclaim the gospel to all the people as soon as the walls shall fall and the Lord prepare the way.

But they are too few. What are they among so many? If Burmah is thrown open, as it undoubtedly will be, and perhaps is already, there will be laid upon the Baptist denomination in America a responsibility which they have never borne.

Are we thankful, that such a momentous crisis has arrived? Are we prepared to meet it like men, like the true and faithful servants of the Great King?

In conclusion, we dare not recommend timid action or stinted appropriations of men or money to this great and rich field of Christian effort. Here lie the remains of the noblest laborers who have ever shared the hardships of this great moral conflict. Here the holiest affections of our entire denomination have been concentrating their augmenting strength for forty years. Around and over this empire have gathered the fervent believing prayers of an entire generation, now ascended to mansions above. Here God has wrought mightily and wonderfully with his people, and shall we now falter? Shall we let the rich harvest now waving before us, fall to the ground, and content ourselves with gathering here and there a sheaf? It is too late to retire from this contest. It would cover us with shame and fill us with confusion, should we attempt it. We would recommend to the Executive Committee to devise liberal things, and pledge our personal and individual efforts to secure the requisite amount of funds and number of men.

During the discussion on these papers the Union adjourned till 2½ o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Cole, of Ill.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2½ o'clock.

The Union assembled. Prayer by Rev. J. Gillpatrick, of Me.

The subject under discussion at the adjournment, was laid on the table till to-morrow morning.

The report on the Siam and China Missions, directed to be read to the Union, was read by the Recording Secretary, and accepted.

Rev. E. C. Lord, returned missionary from China, was introduced to the Union, and briefly addressed the body in reference to that mission.

The report on Indian Missions, referred by the Board, was read and accepted.

Rev. Evan Jones, missionary to the Cherokees, and Oganaya and Lewis Downing, two native assistants from the mission, were presented to the Union, and addressed the meeting.

The hour assigned for the election of the officers of the Union having arrived, Rev. Messrs. B. P. Byram, of Mass., R. Smith, of Vt., A. G. Kirk, of Pa., C. A. Clark, of O., I. K. Brownson, of Mich., and Messrs. S. R. Kelley, of N. Y., and D. C. Whitman, of N. J., were appointed tellers for this election; who subsequently reported that the following were elected officers for the ensuing year:

Hon. GEORGE N. BRIGGS, LL. D., *President.*

REV. B. T. WELCH, D. D.,
REV. ELISHA TUCKER, D. D., } *Vice-Presidents.*

REV. WILLIAM H. SHAILER, *Recording Secretary.*

The Committee to nominate twenty-five persons as Managers for the next three years, reported a list, which was accepted and laid on the table.

The Union then proceeded to the election of twenty-five Managers for three years. Rev. Messrs. A. H. Burlingham, of N. Y., D. B. Purrin-

ton, of Pa., S. Gorman, of O., N. V. Steadman, of Ia., G. W. Patch, of Mass., J. Gillpatrick, of Me., and W. V. Wilson, of N. J., were appointed tellers, who reported the election as follows :

Ministers.

BENJAMIN F. SHAW, China, Me.	THOMAS R. TAYLOR, Camden, N. J.
JOSEPH C. FOSTER, Brattleboro', Vt.	J. LANSING BURROWS, Philadelphia, Pa.
GEORGE W. SAMSON, Jamaica Plain, Ms.	LOOMIS G. LEONARD, Zanesville, O.
ALANSON P. MASON, Fall River, Ms.	DEMAS ROBINSON, Logansport, Ind.
JAMES N. GRANGER, Providence, R. I.	JOHN N. TOLMAN, Upper Alton, Ill.
S. DRYDEN PHELPS, New Haven, Ct.	GEORGE W. HARRIS, Detroit, Mich.
SPENCER H. CONE, New York.	ELIAS L. MAGOON, New York.
VELONA R. HOTCHKISS, Buffalo, N. Y.	CHARLES W. FLANDERS, Concord, N. H.

Laymen.

ANTHONY COLBY, New London, N. H.	P. P. RUNYON, New Brunswick, N. J.
CHARLES THURBER, Worcester, Ms.	J. M. LINNARD, Philadelphia, Pa.
JAMES BOYCE, Providence, R. I.	T. W. EWART, Marietta, Ohio.
OREN SAGE, Rochester, N. Y.	LEVI D. BOON, Chicago, Ill.
SAMUEL COLGATE, New York.	

The report of the Committee on the Expenditures of 1852-3, with the special paper on that subject, was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The Report of the Committee on the Bassa Mission was read to the Union by direction of the Board, and accepted.

The recommendation of the Board to alter the 3d Article of the Constitution, was taken into consideration, and on motion, the question being taken without debate, the recommendation was negatived, 56 voting in the affirmative, 64 in the negative.

The Committee to recommend the place for the next meeting, and to nominate a preacher, reported, recommending that the next meeting be held with the North Pearl Street Baptist Church, Albany, N. Y., and that Rev. R. Turnbull, D. D., of Ct., preach the annual sermon, and Rev. S. Bailey, D. D., of O., be his alternate.

After singing a hymn by the native Cherokees, the Board adjourned till 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. G. W. Samson, of Mass.

THURSDAY EVENING, 7½ o'clock.

The Union met. Prayer by Rev. J. F. Wilcox, of N. J.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. V. R. Hotchkiss, of N. Y., from 2 Thessalonians, 3 : 1. "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the

word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified, even as it is with you."

A collection was taken, amounting to \$66.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Rev. V. R. Hotchkiss, of N. Y.

FRIDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Union met. Prayer by the Rev. O. Dodge, of N. Y.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Resolved, That this Union tenders its thanks to those families of our own and other denominations in Pittsburgh and the adjoining towns, whose generous hospitalities its members have enjoyed; and to the steamboat and railroad companies by whose courtesy the attendance of members has been facilitated.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Union be presented to the Pastors and Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, by whose fraternal invitation their church edifice has been opened for its services; and that the Recording Secretary be instructed to transmit this resolution to the Pastors and Trustees.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Union are hereby presented to the Rev. Mr. Hotchkiss for his discourse delivered last evening, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication in the Missionary Magazine under direction of the Executive Committee.

Resolved, that \$100 of the collections taken in this place on the two preceding evenings be appropriated to constitute Rev. Francis Herron, D. D., Senior Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., a Life Member of the American Baptist Missionary Union.

The Union proceeded to the order of the day, being the consideration of the papers on the "Reöpening of Burmah," and on the "Expenditures of 1852-3," referred to the Union by the Board.

In the discussions upon these papers it was

Resolved, That the speakers be limited to five minutes each.

After addresses on the subject from about twenty of the brethren, both ministers and laymen, it was

Resolved, That the papers be adopted and printed,* and that the Board be encouraged to instruct the Executive Committee to make \$135,000 the basis of their appropriations and expenditures for 1852-3.

THE EXPENDITURES OF 1852-3.

The Executive Committee have made inquiry as to the amount needed to meet the expenditures of the year ending with March, 1853, and they take this method to inform the Board of Managers that \$135,000 will be required to cover the expenditures of the year, if the existing home and foreign operations of the Missionary Union

* See pages 213-217.

are to be sustained. The Board have the power to diminish the number or to curtail the work of missions; but if neither of these measures be admissible, it is not known how operations deemed indispensable to the broadest prosperity of the missionary work, can be provided for at less than the amount which has been named. The new financial year has been entered upon with the same number of missions and appliances abroad, and the same agencies at home, as existed at the close of the last year; and their expenses, necessarily liable to fluctuations in the detail, are not likely to be less in the aggregate this year than they were the last. These expenses in that year were somewhat less than \$125,000. They were brought within this sum, however, by saving, for objects not foreseen when the schedule was prepared, all that had been appropriated for missionary reinforcements,—a way of diminishing expense which God, in the greatness of his mercy, is fast closing against us the present year. There is reason for hope that the missions of Asia and Africa may have not less than twenty additional laborers, missionaries and female assistant missionaries, sent to them the current year. Appointments already made include nearly this number, and others have requested appointment. But the sending forth of so many new laborers will occasion the expenditure of at least ten thousand dollars more the current year than was expended in the last. Nor is this all; it will swell the expenditure of every other year while these missionaries live. Their personal wants must be supplied from year to year, and, what is more, the demands created by the prosperity wherewith God may crown their work must be supplied. To determine that the missions now existing shall be sustained and strengthened with so large a reinforcement, is, therefore, to determine that \$135,000 shall be expended this year, and yet more in every subsequent year until the missions become self-sustaining.

But when \$135,000 are named as the amount needed to conduct the missionary work of the current year, it is of the first importance that the *scope* of the expenditure be apprehended and appreciated. It is not for any one object, such as ordinarily commands the undivided care of distinct organizations at home, that this expenditure is proposed. Missions, in heathen lands, are agencies so comprehensive as to include within themselves all the means of evangelization and Christian civilization in the fields which they occupy. They are doing, and must necessarily do, for degraded millions, the same manifold service that is done by *all* the great charities which are seeking to confer the priceless blessings of a pure Christianity or a Christian civilization on the destitute population of Christian lands. Missions, then, do more than to preach the gospel to the heathen. If books are to be made and printed and distributed, the missions must do it. If schools, common, academical or theological, are to be established and sustained, the missions must also do this. Among the means employed by our own missions, the first rank, in theory and in fact, is always assigned to the preaching of the word. But other means are as essential to the stability and growth of Christian influence in heathen lands as in our own; and, with the exception of direct remittances made by the American and Foreign Bible Society, for its own operations in Germany and in France, the treasury of the Missionary Union is the medium through which the Baptist churches of these northern States give nearly all they do give, directly, for every object pertaining to the work of evangelization,—for preaching the gospel, for schools of every grade, and for printing books of every kind,—in Asia and Africa, on the continent of Europe, and among five of our own Indian tribes.

With this view of the necessities and the comprehensiveness of the work to be performed, the Committee inquire, Can the proposed expenditure be authorized without going beyond the ability of the churches, or contravening the claims of other benevolent enterprises? The expenditures of the last financial year were \$124,558.09; but of the amount required to meet them, \$24,397.25 were received from coördinate societies, the United States Government, and the income of real estate

and invested funds;—leaving about one hundred thousand dollars as the sum received in donations and legacies. But the Committee have no reason to believe that the first class of receipts, those from coördinate societies and corresponding sources, will be as much the current year as in the last, and there is little ground for hope that an equal amount will be made available from legacies. If, therefore, the expenditure be increased to \$135,000, it will almost certainly make necessary an advance of *fifteen thousand dollars* in the voluntary contributions of the living friends of missions;—an advance more than three times larger than was made in any one of the past six years on the collections of the year immediately preceding. Is the pecuniary ability of the churches equal to such an advance the present year?

The one hundred thousand dollars, received into the Treasury the last year, from original sources, were an average of about thirty-three cents to every Baptist communicant within our home field. But had every communicant given *no less* than thirty-three cents, the receipts of the year would have been \$250,000. That is, assigning thirty-three cents to every one of the 300,000 members of our churches, and adding to the footing the excess received from members who gave more than the average of thirty-three cents to each, and, also, all that was received from legacies, from Sabbath Schools, from other States and countries, and from philanthropic individuals not connected with our churches, the aggregate will show, as before stated, that had every communicant given *no less* than thirty-three cents the last year, the receipts would have been at least two hundred and fifty thousand dollars;—more by some thousands of dollars than the combined expenditures of all our general denominational societies drawing support from the whole of the same field at home.

Assuming, then, that these statements are a close approximation to facts, the Committee can see no reason for supposing that the expenditure of \$135,000 would either exceed the pecuniary ability of contributors, or contravene the claims of other benevolent enterprises. It could be little less than madness, indeed, for this organization to attempt to exceed the first, or to contravene the last. An enlargement forced beyond the limits of available resources might bring disastrous reaction; and an enlargement forced at the expense of kindred and coördinate institutions, engaged in the great work of home evangelization, would be to close our eyes on the clearest manifestations of God's will, as well as to impair the real strength of all. It is not, therefore, that our own operations may be made larger and others less; but that our own and all others may be increased according to the increase of the work to which God has called and appointed us and them; and it is the conviction of the Committee that such increase would not overtask the beneficence of our people.

But how is the beneficence of the people so to be developed, in behalf of the work of foreign missions, that it shall be "according to their ability?" It would be out of place for the Committee to attempt, in this paper, to enumerate all the different instrumentalities by which this work is to be accomplished. It has been shown and reiterated in past reports, and from month to month in the periodicals of the Missionary Union, that a system embracing a monthly missionary sermon by every pastor, a missionary periodical in every family, a stated contribution from every Christian, a penny-a-week collection in every Sabbath School, and the missionary concert of prayer in every church, needs only to be universally adopted to secure to the missions all the means necessary to supply every want. The system, thus briefly sketched, is simple, economical, practicable. It has been tried, and every faithful trial has been an additional proof of its complete adaptation to meet the necessities of our cause. But such systems of beneficence do not spring up spontaneously in our churches, nor are they self-perpetuating. It is not enough, therefore, to give an individual Christian or a Christian church a system whereby the home work of foreign missions may be well done from year to year. Both the

Christian and the church need something lying deeper and reaching further than the best devised plan of doing a good work. That must be provided which will constrain them to *grasp* and to *hold to* the plan of doing which they believe to be equal to the necessities of the world's evangelization.

What, then, is that one thing, reaching so deep and so far, and which is so essential to a more complete and permanent development of Christian beneficence in the work of foreign missions? The Committee state their own convictions when they say, that the one thing now needed more than any other to give scope and power to Christian beneficence, in its relations to the missionary enterprise, is *a juster appreciation of the import, the authority and the comprehensiveness, of the great commission as given by Jesus Christ to his first disciples, and as illustrated in their teachings and example.* Invaluable essays have been written to illumine and enforce both the words of the commission, and the momentous lessons embraced in the history of the men who first gave it their obedience. But the world has never seen, nor can it ever see, a commentary capable of imparting such conceptions of the sublime command as does the New Testament itself. It is there that we have the words of the command, as they were spoken by our ascending Lord, and a divine manifestation of its principles and spirit, as they animated and controlled the first laborers in the service of evangelizing the nations.

But the commission, as thus written and illustrated, needs to be *so studied and enforced* that every Christian shall again be brought to feel that his Redeemer and Lord has constituted him a laborer for life, in the work of giving the gospel to *every* creature in *all* the world. The need of this is preëminent at the present time. The day is come in which the work of evangelization may be prosecuted on a scale hitherto unknown,—when obligations made imperative and glorious by divine command and promise, by the broadest opportunities and the sublimest results, impel Christian men to seize the present hour to spread the knowledge of Christianity throughout the earth. On the continent of Europe, indeed, the reaction in favor of civil and spiritual despotism is so complete, that kings make haste to set themselves, and rulers to take counsel together, against the Lord and against his anointed, saying, “Let us break their bands asunder and cast away their cords from us.” But while kingdoms nominally Christian are thus resisting the messengers and the messages of God, nations avowedly heathen, with a population to be numbered by hundreds of millions, are almost every where, and to an unprecedented degree, accessible to both the messenger and his message; and in places where it was said “Ye are not my people,” there are they called “the children of God.” Such opportunities, involving responsibilities so vast and encouragements so great, call for corresponding conceptions of the commission which is at once the word of command and of hope, the pledge of safety and of triumph.

Such conceptions do not yet prevail. It is well known to those who have taken the needful care to learn the facts, that in the oldest sections of our home field, in New England and the Middle States, nearly one half of the churches contribute absolutely nothing, directly and from year to year, to the cause of foreign missions. It is also known, that in the contributing churches of these States, non-contributing members outnumber their brethren who make a yearly offering to that cause. In the north-western States the proportion of non-contributing churches and members, is, of course, much larger than in States whose churches are older and have more wealth. But it may well be doubted whether there is a single church or member, in any section of our home field, so weak or so poor as not to be able to make the smallest contribution to the missionary cause from year to year. Nor is there a church or member within the same field so strong or so rich as to be able to afford to live from year to year and give nothing to spread the knowledge of Jesus Christ throughout the world. Why is it, then, that so many of the strong and the weak, the rich and the poor, fail to make the needed expressions of their interest in this

the sublimest of enterprises? Several causes may contribute to this result. But the one cause, operating on a wider scale and with greater power than all other causes, is believed to be the want of a just appreciation of the authority, import and comprehensiveness, of the parting command of Christ our Lord. No man having such an appreciation can withhold his aid from the work which that command sets before him.

But it is not alone in the fact that so many contribute nothing, from year to year, for the support of the missions, that we have the evidence of imperfect conceptions of the great commission. It is said, that the enterprise of foreign missions already receives too large a proportion of the contributions of the people. It would, indeed, be difficult to conceive of stronger reasons, than those which invite and impel the Christian citizens of this land to impart to the work of home evangelization all the means that its necessities claim. But let it be remembered, that great as is our country in its territory and in its present and prospective population, other countries lying beyond it, embracing yet wider territories and larger population, are included within the field described in the commission of our Lord. His command is not that we *wait* until the world comes to us, seeking or needing his salvation; but that we "Go into all the world, preaching the gospel to every creature." This is our appointed work and field, and neither the work nor the field can be diminished or curtailed. But to do this our work, in so much of this our field as embraces nineteen twentieths of its whole population, we have sent forth and now sustain *fifty-two ordained missionaries*, and have expended the past year an average of *thirty-three cents* to every member of our churches. Can this be doing too much for the world's evangelization?

In the Burmese Empire, including Burmah Proper and the ceded provinces, with an estimated population of 7,000,000, we have now twenty-two missionaries, or one to about every 320,000 souls; and no more than one gospel laborer to every 50,000 souls, including all the missionaries and all the native assistants of every grade, both Burman and Karen. Throughout all this territory there are no evangelical churches or ministers other than our own. Its ministry must, therefore, be increased *fifty fold before the countries once included in the empire of Burmah, can be as well supplied with Christian laborers, as is our own land at the present time*. But Burmah, as stated in another paper, is almost certainly an open field, inviting and urging us to occupy it according to the measures of its necessities and promise. Thus to occupy it, however, will call, from year to year, for yet additional outlays of men and of means in the service of foreign evangelization; and these additional outlays must necessarily be increased more and more as God gives increasing prosperity to missions planted in Burmah and other heathen nations. After having heard the great command of Jesus Christ, and earnestly entreating him to give us the opportunity and the means of obeying it, can we so far disregard all, as to refrain from doing our utmost to bless the millions of *this generation* of heathen with the light of heavenly truth?

Just views of the commission will constrain to such action as the world needs and as our relations to Christ demand. But how are such views of the commission to be given to the 300,000 members of our churches? Much may be done, in behalf of this object, by the religious press, and the agencies controlled by the Missionary Union; but it is conceived to be the appropriate, the indispensable service of *the preachers of the gospel*, the spiritual guides of the churches, to *so illustrate and enforce the commission* of their Lord, that just conceptions of it shall prevail. No other men can do so much to cause such conceptions to prevail, and the enterprise of Christian missions needs nothing so urgently as the influence of such conceptions.

REPORT.

The committee to whom was referred the paper on "The Expenditures of 1852-3," would submit the following report:

It is estimated that the expenditures of the current year cannot, with safety, be set down at a less sum than \$135,000. To cover these expenditures will require an advance of at least \$10,000, on the income of last year. And as it is anticipated that the receipts this year, from other sources than the direct contributions of the churches, will be less by \$5,000, than they were last year, there will need to be a net increase in the gifts of the churches, of some \$15,000; an increase three times larger, and more, than has been made in any one of the last six years.

Shall we authorize the Executive Committee to adopt, in their expenditures, the scale they have proposed? Your committee are unanimously and firmly of the opinion that no smaller amount should be designated. It is God who makes the demand, and we dare not refuse. The condition of those missions which it is proposed to reinforce, the distinct and emphatic calls of Providence to enlarge our borders in heathen lands, and the manifest answer of God to our prayers for laborers who would gird themselves for missionary toils, all shut us up to a necessity from which it would be recreancy to attempt to escape.

But is the ability of the churches equal to the demand? Your committee believe that it is, and more than equal. God never requires of his people more than he can enable them to fulfil; and that he requires of us the estimated amount, as our annual offering for the present year, seems to be unquestionable. And still more, your committee believe that the great body of our churches have fallen very far short of contributing "according to their ability." Indeed, there is reason to fear that the most liberal have yet to make a large advance in the "measure of their liberality," before they reach either the standard set up in the New Testament, or the degree which, in the order of Him who hath said that "the liberal soul shall be made fat," is requisite to their largest prosperity.

Your committee are not unaware of the increasing demands that are made on the churches by other benevolent societies. It is with devout gratitude to God that we hear of their growing wants. They are wants that proclaim an enlarging usefulness and abounding blessings. But the expanding ability of our churches is ever keeping pace with their expanding obligations. Indeed their growth in good works has no where followed the ratio of their increase in the riches of this world. Their full strength has never yet been called into exercise.

But how shall this increase in the contributions of the churches be secured? This is an inquiry which, more than all others, requires our most serious attention. On the right answer of this, more than of all others, we apprehend, will depend our success or our failure in raising the necessary amount.

The ordinary appliances of agents, of periodicals, of missionary works, and of treatises on the advantages of "systematic benevolence," have all been in use, and efficiently, during the last year. Faithful agents have cultivated their fields with assiduity; our periodicals have been issued with regularity, and have carried to the churches intelligence more encouraging than in former years; and the words "systematic benevolence" have become as familiar in our Christian families as household terms. Our agents and the press have both wrought as they were able. And they have accomplished as much in the last year as we can reasonably expect of them in the year on which we have entered. They are means without which the work of missions cannot be successfully prosecuted; but they are not means, any multiplication of which will warrant the proposed enlargement in our operations. The obstructions in the streams of benevolence from our churches are not such as agents and the issues of the press can remove. They are the ramified roots of selfishness, which can be torn away only by the hand of the faithful, patient and painstaking

pastor. We can dispense with the services of our agents and the press not even for a day; but the widening and the deepening of the channels of benevolence in the heart of the church, is, preëminently, the work of those to whom the cultivation of that heart has been specially committed,—the appointed keepers of the vineyard of the Lord.

We say, then, that to insure the needed income for the expenditures of the present year, we must as pastors drink more deeply, than we have done, of the missionary spirit. The spirit of missions is contagious. If it imbue the pastor, it will imbue his people. "Like priest like people," has no finer illustration than in this spirit of missions. It is not merely by an occasional set discourse, or by procuring subscribers to the Missionary Magazine and Macedonian, or by regular observance of the monthly concert of prayer; it is not by all these combined, indispensable as they are, that the churches can be induced to contribute, each their quota, to the missionary treasury. The pastor must himself be a missionary at heart.

Your committee, in view of the importance of the paper on which they have been called to report, would recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the paper on the "expenditures for 1852-3" be referred to the Union as a subject for general conference in Committee of the Whole.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be requested to report such plan or plans, as in their judgment may seem best adapted to secure from each member of our churches an annual contribution to the funds of the Missionary Union.

Adjourned till 2½, P. M. Prayer by Rev. E. Lathrop, of N. Y.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 2½ o'clock.

The Union met. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Swift, of the Presbyterian church, Alleghany City, Pa.

Rev. Dr. Herron acknowledged the action of the Union this morning, by which he was constituted a Life Member, in a few appropriate remarks.

Resolved, That all our ministering brethren, and especially those present at this anniversary, be earnestly requested to press upon the consideration of their people the duty of united and importunate prayer to God for the outpouring of his Spirit upon the churches of Christ, that they may be inspired with stronger faith in the God of Missions, with more of a fraternal feeling toward each other, and more general and efficient coöperation in the great work of human salvation;—that the teachers and students in all our schools, colleges and theological seminaries, may be imbued with the spirit of Christ richly, that the impenitent in these institutions may be converted, and that a host of the messengers of God be raised in their midst to preach the everlasting gospel throughout the world.

The chief service of the afternoon was an informal farewell missionary meeting, which was of a deeply interesting and solemn character.

Brn. J. S. Goodman and H. B. Shermer, expecting to go to the African Mission; A. Taylor Rose, Thomas Allen, J. L. Douglass, D. Whitaker, J. R. Nisbet, Charles Hibbard, and M. H. Bixby, under appointment to the Asiatic Missions; and Rev. J. M. Haswell, about to return to Burmah, each briefly addressed the meeting, and were addressed in behalf of the Union by the President; and prayer was offered by Rev. S. F. Smith, of Mass.

Adjourned to meet with the North Pearl Street Baptist Church in Albany, N. Y., on the third Thursday in May, 1853.

M. J. RHEES, *Rec. Secr'y, pro tem.*

MEETING OF THE BOARD FOR 1852-3.

PITTSBURGH, FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1852.

IN accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the American Baptist Missionary Union, the Board of Managers met after the adjournment of the Union, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Chairman of the Board not being present, Hon. James M. Linnard, of Pa., was appointed Chairman *pro tem*.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. T. Winter, of Pa.

The roll was called, and the following members were found to be in attendance.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Ministers.</i>
EDWARD LATHROP,	T. WINTER,	S. D. PHELPS,
M. J. RHEES,	S. B. PAGE,	L. G. LEONARD.
A. D. GILLETTE,	D. B. CHENEY,	
L. B. ALLEN,	J. N. TOLMAN,	<i>Laymen.</i>
D. ROBINSON,	H. G. WESTON,	J. M. LINNARD,
V. R. HOTCHKISS,	G. W. SAMSON,	SAMUEL COLGATE,
O. DODGE,	A. P. MASON,	T. W. EWART.

Rev. Messrs. A. P. Mason, A. D. Gillette, V. R. Hotchkiss, L. B. Allen, T. Winter, G. W. Samson, and Mr. S. Colgate, were appointed a committee to nominate an Executive Committee, two Corresponding Secretaries, a Treasurer, and an Auditing Committee.

Rev. Messrs. E. Lathrop and D. B. Cheney were appointed tellers to conduct the election of Chairman and Recording Secretary of the Board.

The tellers reported the election of

HON. IRA HARRIS, LL. D., of N. Y., *Chairman*;
MORGAN J. RHEES, of N. Y., *Recording Secretary*.

The Committee to nominate an Executive Committee and officers, reported.

The report was accepted, and the Board proceeded to ballot therefor. Rev. Messrs O. Dodge and H. G. Weston were appointed tellers.

The tellers to conduct the election of an Executive Committee, &c., reported the election of the following:

Ministers.

BARON STOW, D.D.,
JOSEPH W. PARKER,
WILLIAM H. SHAILER,
ROLLIN H. NEALE, D. D.,
HENRY J. RIPLEY, D. D.

Laymen.

HEMAN LINCOLN,
SIMON G. SHIPLEY,
JAMES W. CONVERSE,
BENJAMIN SMITH.

SOLOMON PECK, D. D., *Corresponding Secretary for Foreign Department.*

EDWARD BRIGHT, JR., *Corresponding Secretary for Home Department.*

RICHARD E. EDDY, *Treasurer.*

CHARLES D. GOULD, }
JOSHUA LORING, } *Auditors.*

Resolved, That the salaries of the Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurer be \$1,500 each for the current year.

The report of the Committee on grants from coördinate societies, &c., referred by the last Board, was read and considered, and laid on the table.

The resolution of the Union in reference to Expenditures of 1852-3, was taken up, and on motion it was

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to arrange their missionary appropriations and expenditures for 1852-3 on the scale of \$135,000 income.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Board and of the Union be published under direction of the Executive Committee.

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet in the North Pearl Street Baptist Church, Albany, N. Y., on the Tuesday before the third Thursday in May, 1853.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Evan Jones, of the Cherokee Mission.
M. J. RHEES, *Rec. Secretary.*

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

MR. CHAIRMAN :

It is with an unaffected sense of obligation to God for past blessings, and of dependence on him for future mercies, that the Executive Committee present their thirty-eighth Annual Report to the Board of Managers. The year embraced in this Report, has been attended by such manifestations of the divine faithfulness, in both the home and foreign service of our Union, as call for grateful praise. Death has done its work, indeed, as in other years. We mourn to-day that Rev. JOHN TAYLOR JONES, D. D., of the Siam Mission, Rev. HARVEY M. CAMPBELL and Mrs. E. R. KEYES KNAPP, of the Arracan Mission, Mrs. LUCRETIA BROWNSON STILSON, of the Maulmain Burman Mission, and Rev. WILLIAM T. BIDDLE, appointed to the Maulmain Karen Mission, are no longer our missionaries to the heathen. Their appointed service is finished ; but the results live, and will live, to the praise of Him who accounted them worthy to serve and to suffer in his name. The loss of five missionary laborers in a single year, is no common bereavement, and speaks impressively, not only because the number is large. A missionary ready to depart for his field, a missionary having just acquired the language of the people to whom he had been sent, a missionary of ripe attainments and varied experience, the founder of a mission and a translator of the Scriptures, — three men representing three stages of missionary life, — have fallen in one year ; and with them two faithful women, engaged in like service and looking forward to the same recompense of reward.

MISSIONARY ROOMS.

The Committee have held their usual meetings within the missionary year, and their deliberations have been uniformly attended by a fraternal spirit and followed by unanimous decisions.

Immediately after the close of the last annual meeting of the Board a communication was received from Rev. J. G. Oncken, urging the Committee to send a deputation from this country to the approaching Triennial Convention of the Baptists of Germany. In view of the facts set forth in this communication, and the influence of such a deputation on the European missions and on home deliberations, the Committee were impressed with the importance of the proposed measure ; and, therefore, both on account of his superior fitness for the service and the state of his health, requested the Foreign Secretary to attend the Convention and to visit the missionary stations in Germany and France. Provision having been made for the temporary care of his department without additional expense to the treasury, Dr. Peck sailed for Europe early in July, and returned early in November. The whole cost of the deputa-

tion to the treasury was a little less than \$450, and the Committee have ample proof that the results of the visit have been much more than an equivalent for the time and money used in making it.

The Treasurer's department has lately been deprived of the services of Mr. Robert Cogswell by death, after he had faithfully performed his duties almost thirteen years. The health of Mr. Thomas Shaw, also, became so impaired as to make it necessary for him to be several months absent from his post. In the meantime the work of purchasing and forwarding goods has been committed to the Treasurer.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The expenditures of the year ending with March, 1852, have been,

For purposes described in the Treasurer's Report,	\$102,958 09
Civilization of the Ojibwa, Ottawa, Shawanoe, and Delaware tribes of North American Indians,	4,000 00
Translating, printing and distributing Scriptures, in Burmese, Karen, Assamese, Teloo goo, Siamese, Chinese, German, and French, ..	11,500 00
Tracts in Burmese, Karen, Assamese, Teloo goo, Siamese, Chinese, German, French, and Greek,	4,000 00
Balance* of salaries of Secretaries and Treasurer,	2,100 00

Making the expenditures \$124,558 09

The receipts of the year have been, from

Donations, including \$1,000 of the Karen Mission Fund, received from Rhode Island,	\$90,439 44
Legacies,	9,375 25
Proceeds of real estate, Rockford, Ill.,	200 00
Interest of fund for native preachers,	3 62
Income of fund for support of officers,	2,100 00
Balance of interest,	2,593 63
Grants of United States Government,	4,000 00
“ “ American and Foreign Bible Society,	11,500 00
“ “ “ Tract Society,	4,000 00

Making the receipts from all sources, \$124,211 94

And leaving a balance of 346 15 = \$124,558.09

with which the debt of April 1, 1851, has been increased to \$19,894.47.

In a year of so great pecuniary embarrassment in many sections of the country, and when other institutions have been making extraordinary demands upon the beneficence of the churches, such a result is occasion for grateful and joyous praise to Him who knows the structure and the work of our organization, and has again given to both the seal of his approbation.

The receipts *from all sources* have been more by \$3,385.39, in the last than the preceding year, and the whole expenditure for current operations has been more by \$5,684.51. The income from donations and legacies, also, has exceeded that of the preceding year, by \$4,038.34, while the *legacies* have been less by \$1,410.32;—showing an increase of \$5,448.66 in the gifts of living contributors in the last over those of the preceding year. In no year except that of 1845–6, when nearly \$30,000 were contributed towards the liquidation of the debt of \$40,000, were the donations and legacies so large as in the

* See Report of Treasurer.

last; and even then, the amount received from these sources was not \$400 above the corresponding receipts of that year.

The following table shows the amount received in donations and legacies from the respective states in the home field of the Missionary Union, during each of the past six years, with the average annual contributions from each state and each member of the churches the first five years, and the average from each member the last year.

COMPARATIVE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.													
S T A T E S.	No. Ministers, 1850.	No. Churches.	No. Members.	CONTRIBUTIONS.					Yearly Average.	Average per Member.	No. Members, 1851.*	Contributions, 1851-52.	Average per Member, 1851-52.
				1846-47.	1847-48.	1848-49.	1849-50.	1850-51.					
Maine,	200	293	19,782	\$4,676.82	\$5,388.23	\$6,052.28	\$4,506.87	\$5,072.49	\$5,139.34	.26	19,780	\$5,899.33	.30
New Hampshire,	71	96	8,244	2,237.50	2,527.67	2,210.59	1,856.32	1,983.92	2,103.20	.26	8,089	1,871.56	.23
Vermont,	79	104	7,000	1,938.95	2,610.58	1,964.73	1,452.36	2,093.48	2,012.61	.30	7,185	1,483.01	.21
Massachusetts,	258	245	31,344	21,383.94	23,928.42	23,483.47	24,316.48	23,383.35	24,290.13	.78	31,328	28,544.77	.90
Rhode Island,	35	49	7,278	6,185.13	4,613.25	6,444.68	4,671.18	4,632.95	5,309.44	.73	7,519	5,323.44	.71
Connecticut,	88	113	16,033	6,236.61	4,218.45	5,039.74	5,602.06	6,386.48	5,502.67	.34	16,258	4,854.04	.30
New York,	739	803	85,858	20,191.46	22,708.15	24,707.14	25,908.06	26,674.71	24,037.90	.28	84,337	29,324.05	.35
New Jersey,	95	97	12,531	2,181.05	2,625.77	3,229.83	2,286.11	3,715.90	2,807.73	.22	12,631	3,560.02	.28
Pennsylvania,	217	327	28,776	11,352.67	5,147.89	4,806.56	6,340.13	6,190.29	6,767.51	.23	30,435	6,024.57	.20
Delaware,	1	1	331	390.00	200.00	200.00	600.13	142.00	288.43	.87	320	150.00	.47
Ohio,	285	437	23,122	2,607.31	6,423.81	6,635.85	5,740.52	4,127.47	5,103.19	.22	23,122	5,792.00	.25
Indiana,	277	582	25,242	1,020.00	854.50	832.01	820.52	450.41	613.69	.02	25,242	633.64	.03
Illinois,	210	320	13,441	380.86	696.49	938.18	1,032.64	1,460.28	897.29	.07	13,441	1,834.20	.14
Michigan,	105	184	9,321	968.55	781.63	904.42	679.95	1,225.81	892.07	.10	10,041	1,121.21	.11
Wisconsin,	52	64	3,198	73.04	146.75	5.00	70.35	266.63	98.28	.03	4,011	342.24	.09
Iowa,	22	37	1,142	98.34	15.49	43.93	70.35	62.05	68.03	.05	1,730	102.35	.06
California,	4	3	53	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.55	1.11	.10	53	.....	.....
Home Field,	2,738	3,755	292,696	\$80,894.23	\$82,922.03	\$87,496.41	\$85,763.68	\$92,882.77	\$85,996.02	.29	296,472	\$96,911.03	.33
Miscellaneous, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	4,115.01	2,971.30	1,406.58	1,069.32	2,893.58	2,491.18			2,903.66	
				\$85,009.24	\$85,894.42	\$88,902.99	\$86,833.00	\$95,776.35	\$88,487.20			\$90,814.69	

* The number of members in New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, is given the same as in 1850,—no later returns having been received.

COMPARATIVE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

It will be seen that from five states—Massachusetts, New York, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Iowa,—more has been received in the last than in any other of the six years ; that in six other states—Maine, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan,—the contributions of the last year have exceeded the average of the preceding five years ; and that adding Delaware and excepting New Jersey and Michigan, the whole number of states from which more has been received the last year than in that immediately preceding it, is ten. The states which have fallen below the average for the first five years and below their contributions in the last of the five years, are Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and California,—five in all ; and leaving California out of the account because not yet included within either of the agency districts, the falling off in the other four states is a little more than \$3,000, or nearly 18½ per cent. from their average in the first five years ; and it is worthy of note that these four states belong to the agency districts which have been the longest without the labor of agents during the year.

It will also be seen from the table, that while the contributions of the past year are an average of no more than thirty-three cents to every communicant in the entire home field, that average has been *reached* in four states only,—Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York and Delaware.

Of the contributions paid into the treasury none have been received with more pleasure than those of Sabbath schools and other juvenile societies. These offerings have been chiefly applied, agreeably to the wishes of the donors, to the support of the mission schools, and in the past year they have reached the sum of \$4,247.52,—\$562.28 above those of the preceding year.

The Board have been informed, in previous reports, of the conditions on which the estate of the late Mrs. Farwell came into their possession, and of the measures taken to effect its sale. The property was originally valued at \$16,000, but after securing the necessary permission to sell, and availing themselves of the most favorable opportunities for so doing, the Committee have found it impracticable to obtain more than \$11,600 for the whole estate. Of this sum, \$6,666.66 have been paid, according to the provisions of the will, to the Massachusetts Missionary Convention,—leaving \$4,933.34, which have been paid into the treasury of the Missionary Union.

It has been stated, that the actual expenditures of the past year for all objects, have been \$124,558.09. Of this amount, including the salary of the Purchasing and Forwarding Agent, \$108,092.06 have been remitted to the missions or expended for their use in this country. The balance has been expended for what is termed home expenses, including for District Agencies, \$7,254.78 ; Publications, \$1,020.21 ; Secretaries' Departments, including clerk hire, \$3,500 ; Treasurer's Department, with clerk hire, \$2,100 ; and Miscellaneous Expenses, such as rent, care of rooms, postage, &c., \$2,224.89. These sums combined, amounting to \$16,119.88, are more by \$1,196.13 than were expended for the same objects in the preceding year, while the excess in one of the items, that of Agencies, is \$1,597.65,—an additional expenditure deemed indispensable to adequately sustaining the several district agencies. But if the whole amount of home expenses in the last year, be

averaged on the whole sum received and expended, the cost of doing the work, at the Missionary Rooms and by the District Agencies, will appear to be no more than thirteen per cent. Or, if the home expenses be classified under the heads of the Expenses of Collection and the Expenses of Disbursement, and the whole expense of collection be averaged on the whole amount of receipts, after deducting the grants of the United States Government and of coördinate societies and the income of invested funds, and the whole expense of disbursement be averaged on all the expenditures, it will be found, according to the closest practicable estimate, that the expense of collection has been a fraction more than $9\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on all money received into the treasury from *original sources*; and that the expense of disbursement has been a fraction more than five per cent. on all money paid out of the treasury.

It has been the unrelenting endeavor of the home executives, to lay no heavier burden, in home expenses, on the free-will offerings of the churches and individuals than the interests of the cause have demanded; and they do not know of any institution, on whom rests the responsibility of collecting and disbursing funds over so wide a field and in so many forms, that does its work at less cost than the Missionary Union.

The Board may inquire, How is it that the actual expenditures of the year have reached nearly \$125,000, while the estimated expenditures were no more than that amount after including the large sum supposed to be needed in reinforcing the missions with additional laborers? The answer is, that while the original schedule of appropriations has been the basis of the ordinary remittances to the missions throughout the year, the rates of exchange have been so much higher than was anticipated, and, including a considerable balance due to the African mission on previous years, the necessity of *special* appropriations to meet demands created by circumstances which could not be foreseen, have been so clearly made out by missions in Asia and in Europe, that the Committee have felt constrained to use nearly the whole of what might otherwise have been saved from the failure of sending forth the needful reinforcements. Had these reinforcements been sent, the expenditures of the year could not have been less than \$133,000 without withholding from some of the missions means which seemed to have been made essential by the unexpected afflictions or blessings of God.

The Committee have heretofore requested the Board to consider the increasing tendency, on the part of churches and individuals, to defer the payment of their contributions into the treasury until the last month of the financial year. Efforts have been made the past two years by those employed in the home work, to induce a change in this respect, so far as it could be done with safety to the annual income of the treasury. But while some churches have altered the time of their annual collections and have remitted the fruits of them in better season, the tendency to delay has so far increased in the aggregate, that nearly *one half* of the whole amount of donations and legacies received the past year, came to the Treasurer in the last month, and more than four fifths of this half in the last week, of the year. It came when needed, and in such measure as reassured all hearts and filled them with gratitude both to God and to the people whom he had inclined to give such proof of the "riches of their liberality." But can it be profitable or safe, for contributors to continue to delay *so long* these proofs of their love?

It has been the practice of the Committee, at the beginning of every year, to make out a schedule of the appropriations believed to be needed by the missions in all the year. This schedule is uniformly prepared with the utmost care in view of all available facts ; and when prepared, copies of it are sent to the missions, and placed in the hands of the Treasurer. To the missions it is the basis of expenditure, and to the Treasurer of remittance, for the year. They lay all their plans with reference to its provisions, seeking so to remit and so to expend, as neither to go beyond nor to fall short of them ; and so closely has the schedule been followed the last year, that while no one specific appropriation has been exceeded, the whole expenditure of the year has fallen no more than \$433.17 below the whole of the appropriations.

The plan of making and abiding by such a schedule is essential to the right doing of the work of Foreign Missions, scattered as these missions are over the world, with several months lying between most of them and the Missionary Rooms. But an inevitable result of thus abiding is, that *a twelfth part of the remittances of the year must be made to the missions every month, whether the money is in the treasury or not.* Bills drawn upon the bankers of the Missionary Union in London, must be paid at maturity, or the institution is proclaimed bankrupt ; and the ruinous results would fall first and heaviest upon the missions, for their life under God is the unfailing integrity of the institution to which they look for support. Hence, if the Treasurer receives less than \$5,000 and must pay out more than \$10,000 a month, in the first eleven months of the year, he is compelled to become a borrower of money to an amount which it is sometimes difficult to reach ; and if reached, it is at the price of interest which is no inconsiderable draft on the receipts of the year. The interest thus paid the past year was little less than one thousand dollars, a sum which seasonable contributions would have saved.

But the habit of delaying the contributions wears a more serious aspect, even, than the expense of interest on money borrowed. It involves the risk of falling short of the amount needed so far as to bring disaster. This might be the result of some commercial calamity sweeping suddenly over certain cities or sections of the country, when it would be impossible, both on account of the extent of the deficiency and the shortness of the time, to retrieve the loss. The closing up of the year would then show a portentous debt, the gloomiest of all items to be included in the schedule of the following or succeeding years. Such might be the result of a sudden revulsion in monetary affairs. But it is, perhaps, more likely to be the bitter fruit of an impression, already prevalent, that the month of March, or some hidden resource connected with it, is sure to make up all deficiencies. The tendency of this impression is to excuse from or paralyze individual effort ; and it has been no slight task to counteract its influence the past year. These causes may be long in bringing about a disastrous closing up of the financial year. But it is the deliberate opinion of the Committee that it would be unsafe again to enter March with nearly one-half of the income of the year to be provided in a single month.

Many churches have doubtless deferred the time of making their collections the past year, on account of the severe pecuniary pressure which so generally prevailed ; and also on account of the number and urgency of other claims upon their beneficence. There are causes, not

occasional, but operating from year to year to induce delay. Some of these are to be found in the arrangement which assigns the months of January, February and March to the interests of the missionary enterprise; in the desire of many churches, contributing large sums, to have their donations acknowledged at one time in the Magazine; and in the wish of every church, which has the hope of making up \$100 within the year, to avail itself of the right of membership in the Union. But with these statements the Committee submit the subject to the Board for such consideration and action as they may deem suitable.

The estimate of expenditures of the current year, will be brought before the Board in a special paper.

PUBLICATIONS.

Including 2,000 copies of the thirty-seventh Annual Report, 500 copies of the anniversary sermon, 1,000 copies of the Retrospect of the Missionary Union and its Missions, and the monthly issue of 5,400 copies of the Missionary Magazine and 33,500 copies of the Macedonian, the whole number of pamphlets and papers published and issued by the Missionary Union, in the year ending with Dec., 1851, was 470,300,—equal to 12,525,400 large octavo pages. In addition to these, occasional circulars have been issued, and 5,000 copies of the tracts on Beneficence, published by the American Tract Society, have been distributed. Thus, at comparatively small expense to the treasury, an agency has been sustained throughout the year, which has given to almost every pastor and church in our home field a complete history of the operations of the Missionary Union, and kept them advised of the progress and necessities of its work at home and abroad, besides pressing upon their hearts and consciences the claims of that work, and opening to them ways in which its wants might be satisfied. No agency, under the control of the Board, can have such scope and power as its publications, and no amount of care seems too great in imparting to them the highest degree of richness and effectiveness.

The monthly circulation of the Magazine was larger by 150, and of the Macedonian by 3,500 copies in 1851 than in 1850, and both periodicals have had a larger monthly circulation thus far in 1852 than in either of the two previous years.

The income of both publications for 1851 was, from their

Subscription lists, including the balance of the account for 1850,.....\$6,430.85

The expenses for the same year were, for

Paper and printing,.....	\$4,823.94
Clerk hire,.....	677.27
Original contributions and engravings, including the likeness of Rev. A. Bennett,.....	304.25
Express charges on packages forwarded,.....	375.41
Incidental expenses, including wrapping paper and twine, ...	72.83

Showing the expenses to be.....\$6,253.70

And leaving a balance in favor of the periodicals, Dec. 31,

1851, of.....177.15=\$6,430.85

It will be seen that more was received and expended on these periodicals in 1851 than in 1850. The difference is accounted for in the increase of their circulation, and the additional sum paid for engravings and contributions. Both publications were sent the past year, at their own expense, to twenty-eight distributing agencies in thirteen different States, and so long as the existing rates of newspaper postage are continued, there can be little doubt of the importance of increasing these agencies as fast as the income of the periodicals will allow.

Of the Magazine 300 volumes have been charged to the treasury at a low price, that being the number needed for gratuitous circulation, chiefly foreign, and to preserve for the future use of the Missionary Rooms. Of the Macedonian about 2,000 copies have been sent gratuitously to as many pastors, and 1,000 of them have been charged to the treasury at less than one-half their cost in single envelopes.

The engraving in the Magazine for January, 1852, proved to be so acceptable to its subscribers, and so manifestly for the interest of the publication, that measures have been taken to procure other likenesses for it, to be in all respects equal to that of Mr. Bennett.

The Committee informed the Board in their last annual report, that they proposed to select a biographer of the late Dr. Judson agreeably to the wishes of Mrs. Judson, and to make such arrangements for the publication of the memoir as would secure to the family the largest practicable share of the profits of the work. The Committee, therefore, in October last, on Mrs. Judson's nomination and in accordance with their own convictions, cordially requested Rev. FRANCIS WAYLAND, D. D., to write the biography. He consented to perform the service, and Mrs. Judson has spent the last four months in Providence, to render him such aid as might be necessary. No measures have yet been taken to provide for the *publication* of the memoir, and it is not deemed advisable to do so until the work of the biographer has so far progressed as to determine the probable size of the volume, and the time at which it will be ready for the press. These arrangements will be seasonably made, however, both in this country and in England.

DISTRICT AGENCIES.

It was stated in the last annual Report that arrangements were in progress which contemplated the division of the home field of the Missionary Union into nine districts, and the appointment of as many men to occupy them. It was also stated that, in making these appointments, the Committee were seeking the best men within their reach, with the expectation of paying them sufficient salaries to live in central towns in their districts, and of allowing them a reasonable part of every year in which to remain at home for relaxation, correspondence and study. The Board so fully concurred in the proposed measures that they instructed the Committee to carry them out as early in the year as practicable. The field has been divided accordingly into nine districts, the limits of which, and the agents now occupying eight of them, are given in the following table :

DISTRICTS.

AGENTS.

Eastern New England.

The State of Maine,.....Rev. Nathaniel Butler, Paris, Me.

Northern New England.

New Hampshire, Vermont and Western

Massachusetts, including the Stur-

bridge and Wendell Associations.....

Southern New England.

The residue of Massachusetts, Rhode

Island, and Connecticut,.....Rev. Edward Savage, Fitchburg, Mass.

Eastern New York.

Including the Franklin, Worcester, Sar-

atoga, Lake George, and Essex and

Champlain Associations,.....Rev. Orrin Dodge, Ballston Spa, N. Y.

Central New York.

From the Eastern District to the west-

ern limits of the Broome and Tioga,

Cortland, and Cayuga Associations,....Rev. Henry A. Smith, Middlefield, N. Y.

Western New York.

All west of the Central District,.....Rev. Sewall M. Osgood, Wyoming, N. Y.

South Eastern.

Pennsylvania, N. Jersey and Delaware,....Rev. James F. Wilcox, Burlington, N. J.

Ohio and Indiana,.....Rev. John Stevens, Cincinnati, O.

North Western.

Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Iowa,....Rev. Jirah D. Cole, Chicago, Ill.

The number of square miles included within the respective districts is necessarily unequal, but considering the number of churches and communicants in each, and their present and prospective ability to contribute to the interests of the missionary cause, the districts are believed to be as nearly equal as they can be made. No district has less than 260 of our own churches within its limits, and from none has less than \$3,450 been received into the treasury the past year. It will thus be seen that every district has many more churches than the agent can address in any one year, and that no agent occupies a district which produces less than four times his salary. So small a proportion as even this, comes only from one district, where the agent is in fact a home missionary, doing work in comparatively new and destitute states, preparatory alike to their own spiritual growth and a future harvest for the world.

The care which has been taken in defining the limits of the districts, and in selecting the men to fill them, and in meeting their reasonable expectations in the work, has been the result of an abiding conviction, growing stronger by the experience of each successive year, that men to occupy separate districts as agents, are *essential* to such a prosecution of the home work of missions as shall meet the growth of their

work abroad. The venerable man who stood for so many years as the senior agent of this organization, and whose praise is and ever will be in the churches of our Lord, once said ; " In all my acquaintance with pastors, churches, and their collections with and without an agent, for almost eighteen years, I am convinced that travelling agents are indispensable to success, if *much* is expected to be gathered. There are pastors who do not need assistance and would do well if no agent was in the field, some of whom, however, are always glad to have an agent call on them. There are good people also, who would live religion faithfully, if there were no ministers to preach the gospel, who are very glad to enjoy the ministrations of the Word, because it strengthens them. I deliberately think that agents are about as necessary to success in benevolent enterprises, as preachers are in church building. *But they must be good men.* An indifferent man will do more hurt than good." This testimony was the fruit of the widest observation and the maturest experience of one of the best of agents and of men. His judgment declared and his history proved that a good agent is a necessary good, — blessing alike the institution which he serves, and the churches whose coöperation he seeks.

The Board was informed in the last annual report, that the Committee had requested the agents, then in the employ of the Union, to come together at the Missionary Rooms, four days before the thirty-seventh annual meeting, for mutual conference on the work committed to them. This conference, attended by seven of the agents, was continued six days before and after the last anniversary, and the home work of foreign missions was deliberated upon in its various aspects and bearings. Reports, drawn up by members of the conference, were submitted on the relations of the cause of foreign missions to other evangelical enterprises, on the work of agents, on the missionary periodicals, on missionary statistics, on system in making collections, on increasing the number of missionary candidates, on the coöperation of Sabbath schools, and on the influence of the work of an agent on his personal piety. The reports submitted and the discussions which followed, were of a thoroughly practical character, having no other object than, by careful comparison of the results of each man's observation and experience, to subserve the highest good of the home work of the missionary cause. It was an occasion of unusual interest and importance, and its influence has been felt in the service of the past year, and will continue to be felt from year to year. The Committee are convinced by what they saw of the conference at the time, and by facts which have since come to their knowledge, that similar meetings, to be held after suitable intervals, would be productive of worthy results.

The District Agents who have served the Union throughout the year, are Messrs. Osgood, Wilcox, Stevens, Cole, Butler and Smith. Messrs. Dodge and Savage have been appointed within the year, and the service of each has been five and a half months. Rev. Thomas Swaim again entered the pastoral office immediately after the close of the year ending with March, 1851, and Rev. Joseph Wilson resigned his agency in January last. The service rendered by the District Agents and such occasional helpers as were found to be necessary, is nearly equivalent to that of eight men for a year.

Five of the North Western State Conventions were attended and addressed the last autumn by Rev. J. M. Haswell, and other returned missionaries have addressed churches, associations and conventions as circumstances have allowed.

The whole number of churches, associations, conventions and Sabbath schools, personally addressed within the year by the District Agents and other individuals in the employ of the Missionary Union, is about the same as in other years.

The letters and reports of the agents show that while some formidable obstacles have stood between them and their work, there is much to encourage the hope that these obstacles are becoming fewer and smaller in nearly every section. Many pastors and churches seem slow, practically, to admit that nothing less than the *world* is the field of Christian effort; yet the amount contributed the past year, the number of missionary periodicals circulated, the system of living agencies employed, and the generous coöperation of a growing number of intelligent pastors and laymen, with the spiritual blessings which God is conferring upon churches at home and missions abroad, constrain the Committee to believe that the Missionary Union has entered upon no year with stronger reasons for gratitude and hope than the present.

The Northern New England District, made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Wilson, will probably soon be filled, and the Committee hope to embody in their next annual report more complete statistics from the nine districts.

MISSIONARIES APPOINTED.

At the last annual meeting of the Board their attention was invited to the prospect of supplying the missions with missionaries. There was then what appeared to be the strongest necessity of sending to the missions a reinforcement of at least eleven missionaries, but one only received appointment, the lamented William T. Biddle, so suddenly summoned to the service and blessedness of another world before the time had come for his sailing to Asia. Thus no additional missionary has been given to the missions in all the past year. But the facts presented at the last annual meeting, with the discussion which followed, and communications subsequently received from missionaries, especially those of Burmah, have been so blessed of Heaven that the Committee are now permitted to inform the Board that appointments have been given within the past year to Rev. Messrs. Moses H. Bixby, late pastor of the Baptist church at Johnson, Vt., and John L. Douglass, late pastor of the Baptist church at Fort Ann, N. Y., with their wives, and to Messrs. Charles Hibbard, Daniel Whitaker, John R. Nisbet, and Henry B. Shermer, of the senior class of Rochester Theological Seminary, and to Messrs. Thomas Allen and A. Taylor Rose, of the senior theological class of Madison University. Of these brethren, Mr. Shermer has been designated to the Bassa mission, West Africa, and the others to the Asiatic missions. The Committee have hope that one or two additional appointments will be given, and that, including the ladies expected to accompany them, the missions of Asia and Africa will receive a reinforcement of eighteen or twenty laborers within the current year.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNION.

The Missionary Union has now 3,625 members, constituted by the payment of one hundred dollars each. Of the whole number, as nearly as can be ascertained,* 219 reside in 96 towns and cities in the State of Maine; 112 in 52 towns and cities in New Hampshire; 69 in 43 towns in Vermont; 712 in 148 towns and cities in Massachusetts; 182 in 19 towns and cities in Rhode Island; 184 in 45 towns and cities in Connecticut; 1,054 in 341 towns and cities in New York; 141 in 65 towns and cities in New Jersey; 264 in 37 towns and cities in Pennsylvania; 16 in 2 towns in Delaware; 196 in 80 towns and cities in Ohio; 20 in 18 towns and cities in Indiana; 79 in 50 towns and cities in Illinois; 41 in 29 towns and cities in Michigan; 10 in 10 towns and cities in Wisconsin; 8 in 7 towns and cities in Iowa; 4 in California, and 314 in other States and foreign countries. Of the whole number of members, 1,364 are ministers, 1,783 laymen, and 477 ladies; and of all the members, full three-fourths were made so by the votes of churches or other religious bodies. The membership of the Union, embracing as it does 3,311 individuals residing in 1,042 different towns and cities of the seventeen States included within our home field, may be regarded as an agency in the home work of missions. It is an agency permanent in its character, widely diffused, and constituted to a large extent by the votes of churches or other religious bodies. The influence which such an agency might wield in favor of a great cause, makes it of the first importance that the individuals composing it know their responsibilities and act according to them.

ASIATIC MISSIONS.

MAULMAIN BURMAN MISSION.

MAULMAIN.—Six outstations. —Rev. Messrs. J. WADE, T. SIMONS and E. A. STEVENS, Mr. T. S. RANNEY, printer, and their wives.†—Seven native assistants.

AMHERST.—Two native assistants.

In this country, Rev. Messrs. H. HOWARD and J. M. HASWELL and their wives and Mrs. E. C. JUDSON; on his way from Burmah, Rev. L. STILSON.

Two stations and six outstations; seven missionaries, one a printer, and seven female assistants; nine native assistants.

The afflictive dispensations which have befallen this mission the past year, have still further reduced its numbers and strength, already unequal to the labors imposed on it, and claim for it our sympathy and aid. Mrs. Stilson, connected with Maulmain station the last five years, died of a lingering illness Aug. 14. She had been an assistant in the Burman Missions since 1838, alike assiduous and unpretending in service; and is worthy to be held in honored remembrance. Mr. Stilson, whose health had become greatly impaired, as noted in our last report, has also, in pursu-

* This statement is based on the residences of members as published in the Annual Report of 1851, and of new members as given in the list appended to the Report of the present year.

† Mr. Simons and Miss L. Lillybridge were united in marriage at Maulmain, May 13, 1851.

ance of the advice of his physician and of his associates in the mission, retired from missionary labor. His loss to the mission, which cannot well be supplied, is deeply regretted both by his fellow laborers and the Executive Committee. He left Maulmain for this country Dec. 23. Mrs. Judson and family, whose departure was announced in our last report, arrived at Boston Oct. 1.

Preaching and Itineracy. — These services have been performed by the three resident preachers aided by the native assistants, the principal change from the arrangements of the last year being the transfer of the pastorate of the Burman church from Mr. Stevens to Mr. Wade. This change enables Mr. Stevens to devote himself more uninterruptedly to the completing of the Burmese dictionary, and was also in itself suitable as devolving on the present pastor relations and duties becoming to his seniority of age and standing in the Burman Mission. Preaching has been maintained every Sabbath in the Burmese and English chapels, and in various parts of the city. Six stations* are also occupied for daily preaching by the native assistants. During the travelling season the assistants itinerate among the villages up and down the river and on Balu island. Amherst station is supplied throughout the year with native preaching, receiving three or four visits annually from Mr. Stevens, who officiates as pastor.

Churches, baptisms, &c. — Owing to various untoward influences and partly the unsettled pastoral relations of the Burmese church for a series of years, its condition was found at the opening of the year under review to demand careful investigation and a more rigorous enforcing of church discipline. These salutary measures, though painful, were adopted, and in the course of the year have resulted in the exclusion of eight persons. There are others of whom the pastor stands in doubt, but as a body the church is sound and exemplary, and contains many excellent members. The ordinary church arrangements are well sustained. Besides attendance on Sabbath services, which is general and steady, and on Wednesday evenings when there is preaching by a native assistant, prayer meetings are held by the male members Monday and Saturday evenings, and a female prayer meeting on Wednesday. The monthly concert is regularly attended. Connected with the church is a large and interesting Sabbath school; also two bible classes, one for young men conducted by Mr. Stevens on Friday evenings, and another at the house of the pastor on Sunday afternoons for females by Mrs. Wade. Two have been added to the church by baptism, and five have died; one a deacon of the church, whose life and death alike attested the genuineness and power of the faith which he professed. Present number, 130. Besides the two baptized, a third was advised to unite with a church in Calcutta, whither he was about to remove, and a fourth was waiting for baptism at the date of the report. Others have applied for the rite, who have been rejected. "Were the doctrine of baptismal regeneration true," says the mission report, "we could easily multiply the number of regenerated ones to almost any extent and with little trouble. But our views of Christianity will by no means allow us to do

* Brick zayat, North zayat, East zayat, Daingwonquin, Tavoyzoo, Moung Ngan's, and Mopoon, the last four being school stations.

this. We act on the principle that evidence of the regenerating influences of the Holy Spirit is an essential prerequisite to baptism."

The English church now numbers but twenty-three. There are two applicants for baptism, and others appear to be seriously disposed. Five have been dismissed to join the church at Madras. The church has never been strong in numbers for any long continuous period, the male members generally having employment in some department of government, and removing from time to time to other parts of India. The whole number enrolled on the church records since 1830, is 270, including 57 females. Seventy were Eurasians, and a few were natives from Madras, exclusive of a large number baptized by Mr. Kincaid in H. M.'s 45th regiment. A Sabbath school is connected with the church, numbering about 30 pupils.

The church at Amherst is composed mostly of Christians baptized elsewhere, who have removed thither. A few residents, however, have been converted in past years, and their families being thus brought under Christian influence, some of the children also have been added to the church on profession of faith in Christ. Of late years there has been an evident decline, owing in part to the want of a resident missionary. The native Christians have become in some degree discouraged; some have removed to other places more favored, and others are with difficulty restrained from following them. Meanwhile the Roman Catholics are gaining in strength, and have recently purchased an eligible site to enlarge their operations. The station demands succor. "Sufficient success has been vouchsafed to the evangelical efforts bestowed, to call forth devout gratitude and to encourage to perseverance." Light has also been diffused by the preaching of the word through the surrounding region. Of the Karen church in this vicinity, twelve members were set off from Amherst church. The present number of its members is 30.

With respect to the heathen population embraced within the Maulmain Burman Mission, especially at Maulmain, the encouragements for preaching the gospel are said by the native assistants to be altogether greater now than a few years since. Dispute and violence, formerly encountered, have latterly ceased. The power of the priests and of religious customs over the people has been greatly weakened. Opportunities continue abundant to sound forth the gospel both in town and country. The reports of the assistants give 20,000 as the number to whom they have personally addressed the gospel, and 500 "inquirers."* Full half of the 20,000 are said to have been from Burmah Proper, and a still larger proportion of the inquirers. In this manner the gospel has been conveyed to other thousands. And not in vain. "Individuals from Shway Kyen, who had heard the gospel in Maulmain, on their return home communicated the things they had heard to others; and about thirty individuals, it is reported, believe the gospel and meet together (though secretly, for fear of the rulers,) to worship the eternal God. At Shway Young there are said to be twenty who do the same. From Yanan-gyoung a similar account has been received in regard to eight or ten individuals."

* By the term "inquirers," as above used, are meant those "who listened with apparent desire to know the truth, and not those who through conviction of the truth were seeking personal salvation."

Schools.—The Burmese boarding and day school has been reduced in numbers and efficiency by causes already alluded to, especially the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Stilson who had had it in charge, and the marriage of the superintendent of the female department. At the date of the mission report the number of pupils was 118, of whom 38 were boarders. More recently it has become substantially a day school, the few remaining boarders having removed to the house of Mr. and Mrs. Simons, who superintend the school temporarily till a principal shall be appointed.

There are six other day schools in Maulmain, five superintended by Mr. and Mrs. Simons, and one by Mrs. Ranney. They are all conducted on strictly Christian principles and at comparatively small expense. Every child is taught the catechism, the ten commandments, hymns, &c.; and what they learn at school they carry home. A day school at Amherst is similarly conducted by a Eurasian teacher. The Maulmain teachers are natives, twelve in number, including those in the boarding and day school, and all members of the church except one, who is wife of a Christian teacher. Aggregate number of pupils in the six day schools 210, and in Amherst school 45: total in all the schools 373.

Contributions.—The Burmese church, with the aid of the missionaries, have supported two of the preaching assistants during the past year. The contributions of the church *alone* have supported one, besides defraying the expense of lighting the chapel four or five evenings each week, keeping it in order, and supporting in whole or part several poor members. Average contribution of each member about one rupee four annas, or seventy-five cents.* “It is part of the general policy of the mission, in its several departments, to train the natives to do for themselves all they are capable of, in the way of contributions and personal labors, that as far as possible they may stand alone and independent of foreign aid.”

Publications.—The principal work in this department has been the Burmese and English dictionary; the execution of which has been so far completed that the printing has been commenced. Various considerations have urged the expediency of expediting the task, aside from the compiler's reluctance to protract it unnecessarily. The manuscripts left by Dr. Judson were not only exposed to ordinary accidents, to fire, theft, &c., but being written in pencil (not cipher) they were liable to become illegible in the damp climate of Burmah by mould. “The removal of the mould would almost unavoidably be the removal of the manuscripts, as the pencil marks would be removed with it.” The time that had already elapsed since the work was begun, interrupted by absence and sickness and death, was also a motive against further delay. Other works in progress have been a Concordance to the Burmese bible, designed specially for the benefit of theological students; a History, a Geography with Atlas, a Burmese Reader, Scripture Stories for Sabbath schools, and the monthly Religious Herald. Of the Geography, compiled by Mr. Stilson, about eighty pages had been printed, when

* The poverty of some of the members is extreme, where the generous *will* is not wanting. One aged man bequeathed to the mission at his death his whole property, “the staff which for years had supported his trembling limbs,” requesting that it might be sold for the benefit of the mission. The bequest was accepted, and the avails, four annas, (nearly 12½ cents,) were added to the mission funds.

the work was suspended in consequence of the failure of his health. The following is a statement of the printing done at the Maulmain press from Jan. 1, to Oct. 1, 1851,* making the aggregate of books and tracts printed 13,425, and of pages 1,103,900. Total, from the beginning, pp. 98,004,537.

PRINTING AT THE MAULMAIN PRESS.—JAN.—OCT. 1, 1851.

TITLE OF BOOKS.	Edition.	Form.	Language.	No. of Books.	No. of Pages.	Whole No. of Pages.	AUTHOR OR TRANSLATOR.
Child's Catechism, . . .	2d,	18mo,	Pwo Karen,	1,000	40	40,000	
Todd's Lectures, . . .	1st,	12mo,	Burmese, . .	1,000	168	168,000	Translated by Mrs. L. B. Stilson.
Associational Minutes, . . .	9th,	8vo,	Burmese, . .	150	12	1,800	Edited by Rev. E. A. Stevens.
Associational Minutes, . . .	8vo,	8vo,	Sgau Karen,	175	12	2,100	Edited by Rev. N. Harris.
Religious Herald, Vol. 9th,	8vo,	8vo,	Burmese, . .	500	12	72,000	Edited by Rev. E. A. Stevens.
The Instructor,	1st,	8vo,	Pwo Karen,	300	8	32,800	Edited by Rev. W. Moore.
Aids to Church Discip., . .	1st,	12mo,	Burmese, . .	500	82	41,000	Compiled by Rev. J. Wade.
The Atonement,	3d,	8vo,	Burmese, . .	5,000	28	140,000	
Doctrinal Catechism, . .	1st,	12mo,	Pwo Karen,	1,000	42	42,000	Trans. by Rev. H. L. Van Meter.
The First Book,	2d,	8vo,	Pwo Karen,	1,000	44	44,000	
One Honest Effort, . .	1st,	32mo,	Pwo Karen,	500	32	15,000	Translated by Pah Poo.
Colburn's Arithmetic, 1st,	12mo,	8vo,	Sgau Karen,	800	204	163,200	Translated by Miss M. Vinton.
Burmese Hymn Book, 6th,	16mo,	8vo,	Burmese, . .	1,500	228	342,000	Edited by Rev. E. A. Stevens.
Total, . . . . .	...	....	.....	13,425	912	1,103,900	

There were also in press at the date of the report, Draper's Bible Stories, in Sgau Karen, 16mo, 200 pp. printed, and a Pwo Karen Hymn Book, 2d ed., 16mo, 300 pp. printed; with several smaller works. An important change has been made in the Pwo Karen character, assimilating it to the Sgau, which necessarily has led to the making of many new punches and matrices, and the casting of two new fonts entire, for that language.

The *issues* from the depository have exceeded those of former years, a fact of gratifying interest in view of the supply on hand and as indicating an increased demand. The call for bound volumes especially, has at times nearly outstripped the means of supply, notwithstanding the large force employed in the bindery department. Among these were more than 2,600 bound vols. of the Old and the New Testaments in Burmese, Peguan, and Sgau Karen, about 600 bound volumes of Burmese tracts, and nearly 1000 copies of the Sgau Karen Hymn Book. The following is a table of the aggregate *issues* to the several stations; making an aggregate of books and tracts, of 37,800, and of pp. 3,288-729.

The report adds, "We have now a call for books from Burmah Proper, and in the report of 1852, we hope, the column of *issues* at Rangoon will show a large distribution in that benighted region of country."

* Exclusive of job work.

ISSUES FROM THE MAULMAIN DEPOSITORY.—JAN.—OCT. 1, 1851.

ISSUES.	MAULMAIN.		TAVOY.		MERGUI.		AKTAB.	
	Books.	No. of Pages.	Books.	No. of Pages.	Books.	No. of Pages.	Books.	No. of Pages.
Scriptures,	884	562,066	323	194,296	30	37,040	2	4,800
Parts of Scripture,	4,379	199,672	1,904	89,812	50	20,250	80	1,360
Books and Tracts,	14,873	309,525	4,387	128,487	511	4,413	620	10,160
School Books,	2,496	199,028	559	43,494	204	16,210	34	10,330
Total,	22,632	1,270,291	7,173	456,089	795	77,913	736	26,650

ISSUES.	KYOUK PHYOO.		SANDOWAY.		Whole	No. of	Whole
	Books.	No. of Pages.	Books.	No. of Pages.	No. of Books.	Pages in each.	No. of Pages.
Scriptures,	31	30,700	1,333	750,066	2,603	5,394	1,580,968
Parts of Scripture,	823	38,548	75	30,375	7,438	2,134	391,981
Books and Tracts,	1,633	38,550	1,884	462,972	23,893	2,278	953,799
School Books,	232	23,845	508	70,074	3,866	5,933	361,981
Total,	2,774	131,643	3,800	1,313,487	37,800	15,739	3,288,729

Native Assistants.—The assistants in the mission are such as have been appointed by the whole body on careful examination, the examination being often repeated in after years. Those at Maulmain are also under the constant supervision of the pastor of the Burmese church; to whom they make semiweekly reports of their labors, stating where and to whom they have preached during each preceding period of three days; while their general deportment is open to the observation of all. At the close of every year the conduct and character of each individual assistant again comes under review of the whole mission, when support for a definite number of assistants is about to be called for; and then especially, (as also at any other time during the year,) an opportunity is afforded for any one to bring forward objections, if he has any, to the continued employing of any assistant, and also to make suggestions in respect to the general management of all. The assistants are led to understand “that their support is derived from benevolent contributions of Christians in America, who are anxious that the gospel should be preached every where, and who are waiting with interest to hear of the success of their individual labors.” The missionaries have “endeavored also to make them feel their responsibility to God.” None are denominated “assistants,” who are not employed either in the preaching or translating departments.

The regulations adopted in regard to the assistants, the mission remark, "work well." At the same time they are "deeply convinced that neither those nor any other system of rules can effect the object most to be desired in native assistants — a hearty and unreserved self-consecration to the great work of winning souls and building up the kingdom of Christ. The Holy Spirit working in them, and that only, is a power adequate to this end ; and for this gracious gift to be bestowed upon the assistants and on themselves also, the mission earnestly solicit the fervent supplications of all their brethren."

MAULMAIN KAREN MISSION.

MAULMAIN (*Newton*) ; thirteen outstations.—Rev. Messrs. J. H. VINTON, N. HARRIS and W. MOORE, their wives, and Miss M. VINTON. On her way to this country, Miss H. E. T. WRIGHT. Three native preachers and fifteen other native assistants.

RANGOON.—One native preacher and fifteen other assistants.

Two stations, thirteen outstations ; * three missionaries and five female assistants ; thirty-four native assistants.

The Rev. Wm. T. Biddle, whose missionary appointment was stated in our last report, and who subsequently was designated to this mission, had nearly completed his preparations to embark with his wife when he was arrested by disease, and after a short illness died, Sept. 16. The announcement of his sudden death was a painful shock, especially to our missionary brethren, who in their reduced numbers and multiplying cares were eagerly looking for his promised arrival. "The death of br. Biddle," writes Mr. Vinton, "is one of the darkest providences with which the mission has ever been visited ; it was so unlooked for. It occurs too at a time when there is more work to be done and fewer men to do it than at any previous period." The mission has been also afflicted in the protracted illness and consequent withdrawal of Miss Wright, who in 1850 was associated with Miss Vinton in the charge of the normal school. She had given most gratifying proofs of her ability and faithfulness, but her strength was unequal to the service in that climate, and she has been compelled to seek a restoration of health in her native land. The Executive Committee are deeply impressed with the necessities of this part of the missionary field, especially in connection with the reöpening of Burmah Proper, and are taking measures for its more adequate occupancy. Several of the lately appointed missionaries are destined, with leave of Providence, to join the Karen missions ; and the Committee are not without hope of reëngaging for a limited period, if the health of his family permit, the services of Mr. Binney.

Schools.—The theological school, as stated in our last report, was left under the care of Mr. Harris ; who continued to instruct it till the close of its eleventh semiannual term in January ; when the oldest class, numbering six, were finally dismissed, four to preach the gospel in Burmah Proper, and one in Maulmain province, and the sixth to become an assistant teacher in the seminary. The twelfth term commenced April 15th and closed in October ; number of pupils 34, under the

* Beside those connected with Rangoon.

immediate charge of Mr. Vinton. One of this company, a youth of great promise and among the best scholars of his class, has died in the triumphs of faith, exhorting his associates that "as the ministers of Christ they prove themselves faithful." "This school," says the report of the present teacher, "has accomplished for the cause, during the six or seven years of its continuance, all and more than its most ardent friends had ventured to anticipate." The Committee are abundantly assured of its past usefulness and of the desirableness of its being effectively maintained. It is with deep regret they have received intimations that a necessity may occur for its suspension, even though temporary. "We rely mostly on our native assistants to preach the gospel to their countrymen. The missionaries love to travel in the jungle as much as practicable, but the work (of general evangelization) they can hardly begin." On the other hand, missionary supervision over the preaching assistants and the churches is no less indispensable. The churches have of late greatly suffered for want of it; and the evil may be less to close the school for a season, than to allow the churches to deteriorate by further neglect, from whom the pupils come.

The normal school numbered at the date of its last report (Dec.) fifty pupils, thirty boys and twenty girls, showing a gradual increase. The course of instruction is also being enlarged, as the progress of the pupils demands; and the labor of teaching is proportionably enhanced. The mission suggest that the time is drawing near when the school will require the services of a well-educated male teacher, who shall be exclusively devoted to its management. No department of the mission promises more ultimate good, if rightly conducted. The proficiency of the pupils has exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the missionaries, and "their conduct in future years, it is believed, will continue to gladden the hearts of their friends and patrons."

The Sgau Karen boarding school, in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Harris, commenced April 15th, and closed the last of September. Average number of pupils ninety-four. A part of the period Mrs. Harris was separated from the school by sickness. A most gratifying feature of the term was the admission of seventeen of the pupils to church membership on profession of faith in Christ by baptism.

The Pwo Karen boarding school, Mr. and Mrs. Moore teachers, assisted by Kone Louk, closed October 1, after a session of five months. Whole number of pupils enrolled, forty-two, twenty-six males and sixteen females. Of the former, fifteen were young men or of middle age, the rest of from ten to fifteen years. The pupils all made satisfactory progress, some excelled. One of the older members, who for years had been reflecting whether it was not his duty to preach the gospel, had been constrained to commence study with the ministry in view. "He is a man of good parts, and since the day he was baptized has been an exemplary and growing Christian." Three or four of the younger men, it is hoped, will also enter the theological seminary in due time and make efficient preachers. Four of this department also were baptized near the close of the session.

Churches. — For the reason (in part) already alluded to, the want of adequate supervision, the churches in general are reported by the mission as reduced to a "low state." Some of them have been scattered by

cholera, and, it is feared, may not be gathered again. Others are at discord among themselves. The influences of the Holy Spirit are greatly needed. To the general declension there are happy exceptions; Toonaw, Bootah and Dong Yan are indicated. To Bootah church seven have been added by baptism, and one to the church near Amherst. The church at Dong Yan appears to be in a good state. "I was cheered and encouraged," Mr. Moore writes, "to find there so much love and good feeling among the disciples. Their light is shining; last year it was an obscure light. Several of the members testified that they had buried their old difficulties, humbled themselves before God, and found much joy in serving him and in endeavoring to do good to their fellow men. Three were added to their number by baptism, in December, three others were applicants, the community had become thoughtful and accessible, and there were some signs of a refreshing, a cloud at least, 'as big as a man's hand.'" The number of baptisms reported in connection with the mission during the year under review, exclusive of Rangoon district, in ten churches, is fifty-five. Two were received by letter; fourteen were excluded and twenty-eight suspended; the number of deaths not reported. Present number, 747. In the Rangoon district the number of baptisms reported is eighty-six; received by letter sixty, excluded six, suspended forty-four; present number, 982; total in both districts, 1,729. In Rangoon district the report comes from the native preacher Aupaw, whose death was erroneously rumored last year. The number of villages in that district, as reported by him, where evening worship is regularly held, is thirty-four.

Later and more extended information has been communicated from Rangoon district by Messrs. Kincaid and Dawson. They had been visited while resident at Rangoon, by Oung Bau, an ordained Karen preacher, and the only one in Burmah Proper on the east side of the Irrawadi river. Within his district are thirty churches, with more than 1,000 members. Associated with him are ten unordained native preachers. He reported the churches as generally in a prosperous state. There had been no instance of apostasy, and but few cases of serious discipline. Fifty Karens had been baptized within the last few weeks.

The number of churches on the western side of the river, as reported to Mr. Kincaid, is forty-six, and the same number of preachers. "There is no church with less than 150 members, and several exceed 300. One church numbered nearly 400 members. The chapel is forty cubits square, well built, and surrounded by a clean, neatly kept plot of ground. Near it stands a school-house, twenty-six by twenty-eight cubits square." Persecution had in some measure abated. In one district, lying between Bassein and Danabo, in consequence of representations of its governor to the court at Ava, "that the Karens could not be induced to give up their 'white books' and forsake their religion, and that oppression induced them to leave the country, by which the revenue was endangered," the king had forbidden their being molested and had exempted their preachers from all taxes.

The annual meeting of the Maulmain Association was held in January at Keyen, attended, besides the missionaries, by Burmans, Peguans, Pwos, and Sgaus.

The session *this* year was at Maulmain (Newton), but the particulars have not been received.

Itineracies.—Beside the ordinary visits to the churches in the dry season, an exploring tour was made in January, 1851, as intimated in our last report, by Mr. Harris and Mr. Brayton, of Mergui, to Karens in Siam. Passing by Bootah, they proceeded about 100 miles in a southeasterly direction from Maulmain to Prat-thoo-wan, the central point of the Karen district, and residence of the governor or headman. It is situated on a small plain, or table land, surrounded by mountains, and in times of political commotions, being naturally a strong position, may have had a numerous population. At present the people live scattered in different directions at the distance of some six or eight days' journey, leaving only a few houses around the governor's. The few villages seen on the way were also of small extent, inhabited generally by Pwos, a few by Sgaus. Little encouragement was given to the annunciation of the gospel; at Prat-thoo-wan the missionaries were not permitted to remain over the Sabbath. Again, at other places, both Sgaus and Pwos listened attentively, some for the first time, "to the words of mercy from Calvary." On the whole, the results of the exploration are unfavorable to the establishing of a station in that direction, while other positions are more accessible and of richer promise; but native laborers may be sent thither as opportunity offers.

TAVOY (KAREN) MISSION.

TAVOY.—REV. MESSRS. F. MASON, C. BENNETT, E. B. CROSS, and B. C. THOMAS, and their wives.

Two Burmese assistants, ten (?) Karen assistants.

MERGUL.—REV. MESSRS. D. L. BRAYTON and J. BENJAMIN, and their wives. Eight or ten Karen assistants.

Two stations and seventeen (?) outstations; six missionaries, and six female assistants; about twenty native assistants.

Mr. Mason resumed his place at Tavoy in March, 1851, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas arrived in May. Mrs. Bennett, on account of her health and by invitation of the Executive Committee, left Tavoy in September with the design of revisiting this country.

Soon after the annual meeting of the Karen Association, which was held last year at Mata in January, the customary visitation was made to the principal churches composing it, to Pyeeekhya, Patsauoo and Palouk by Mr. Cross, and at a still later period to Mata; also by Mr. Benjamin to Kabin, Themboung, Katay and Ulah, &c. Their condition is on the whole reported favorably, particularly as to the churches of Patsauoo and Katay. The former had received eight members by baptism; to the Katay church five had been added. The whole number of baptisms *reported*, including two at Kabin, four in the neighborhood of Mata, three at Tavoy added to the Burman church, and two baptized at Mergui, is twenty-four. The churches at Palouk and Themboung were in a less encouraging state.

In most of these outstations, the recommendations adopted at the associational meeting with regard to family worship and Sabbath schools,

were being carried into effect. The Sabbath schools generally were large and interesting. Many day schools are well sustained. It is a most encouraging feature here, as in other sections of the missionary field, that temperance, virtue and industry have their reward. Godliness is profitable for the life that now is, as well as for that which is to come. One of the missionaries speaks of a "marked distinction between Christian and heathen neighborhoods" in "the almost swarms of young children growing up in the society of the churches." The coming generation will in all probability be far more numerous in the Karen districts than the preceding, and it will be a generation "serving the Lord." The churches are also giving attention, though less promptly, to the improvements proposed as to their outward condition, rebuilding their houses and gathering around their places of worship. The "city of Mata" so called, once nearly depopulated, is beginning to "look like itself again."

Our last report from the churches was dated Sept. 21. Mr. Cross then writes: "The churches in and around Tavoy are in an encouraging state, compared with other years. We have good news also from up the Tavoy river. The members appear to be regular in their attendance on public worship, and have gathered around their chapels better than we anticipated. The Pwo village in the neighborhood of Mata is doing nobly. The pastors from Mata have baptized there four individuals, three of them heads of families, and others are asking for baptism. The school is quite large. A good spirit seems to prevail. In Mata twenty-two families have returned from their dispersion, and rebuilt near the chapel." A favorable change is also anticipated in this respect at Pyeekehya.

The Tavoy Burmese church, besides the addition of three converts, has enjoyed a reviving of spiritual graces in its members generally. One excluded member has been restored. A new zayat has been built, 15 by 20 ft., for preaching and tract distribution, in a very eligible part of the city, which was opened and dedicated in April. The native assistant stationed in it has been greatly encouraged in his labors. All violent opposition and angry discussion had ceased, and the people were coming almost daily to inquire about the religion of Jesus. The demand for books and tracts was unprecedented. Preaching in Burmese on the Sabbath by Mr. Bennett: A service in English has also been conducted on the Sabbath by Mr. Thomas.

Among the Burmese of Mergui are indications of an awakening interest.

Schools. — Of the schools at Tavoy, during the rains of 1851, no detailed report has reached us. The school conducted by Mr. Cross was "doing well," and had suffered no interruption from sickness. Mr. Brayton on his return from Prat-thoo-wan, collected at Mergui a class of Pwo assistants, whom he taught six and a half months. A second class was formed of fifteen young men, after a short intermission, to be continued two months. A class of six females and four select lads was being taught by Mrs. Brayton. Of the young men two were those baptized within the year, and four gave great promise as inquirers, who are also of good capacities for usefulness. No school has been gathered from among the Salongs, and owing to various hindrances Mr. Benjamin has gained as yet but little acquaintance with the people.

Printing Department. — As stated in our last report, the translation of the Karen Scriptures in Sgau or in Pwo had been completed, but neither the Old Testament in Sgau nor the Pwo New Testament had been revised. The revision occupies necessarily much time. The translator is desirous to make it as thorough as possible, so as to preclude occasion, as far as he may, for future emendations; an object the importance of which is fully appreciated by the Executive Committee, as also by the brethren associated in the Karen Missions. "I have commenced the work," Mr. Mason writes in August, "with the intention to revise every page carefully and deliberately before it goes to press; and I do not print a single paragraph till I have perfected the translation to the utmost of my ability."

The first form of the Karen bible was put to press June 1. The design was to print an edition of 2,000 copies, besides one of 500 copies of the Pentateuch and perhaps of other portions of the Old Testament. Some modifications of this plan may be found expedient in the course of publication. Much depends on the uncertain state of the translator's health. The progress of the work has been retarded by his severe and repeated illnesses. Genesis had been printed, and most of Exodus, at the date of the last report, and the invigorated health of Mr. Mason encouraged the hope of a more rapid advancement. The Pwo New Testament is also in press. The Committee repose entire confidence in the ability and faithfulness of the translator, and for obvious reasons are solicitous that a work so well begun and brought so near to its completion, should be finished by one and the same hand.

Besides the Karen bible, in press, Mr. Bennett reports the publication of an edition of Matthew in Pwo, 150 copies, and of "Notes on Hebrews," prepared by Mr. Abbott for Karen assistants, 1000 copies. We subjoin a table of the printing executed at Tavoy in 1851, showing an aggregate of 18,600 copies and 2,468,400 pages.

WORKS PRINTED AT THE TAVOY MISSION PRESS IN 1851.

NAME OF BOOK.	Edition.	Size.	Pages.	No. of Copies.	Total Pages.
Morning Star, (monthly,) Xth Volume, . . . . .	.....	8vo,	192	400	76,800
Key to Astronomy,	1	12mo,	132	500	66,000
Tavoy Association Minutes,	1	12mo,	24	500	12,000
Abbott's Catechism,	3	32mo,	96	3,000	288,000
Abbott's Notes on Hebrews,	1	12mo,	240	1,000	240,000
Ecclesiastical History, Volume I,	1	12mo,	468	1,000	468,000
Historical Sketch of Jerusalem,	1	12mo,	24	2,000	48,000
Matthew in Pwo, and Preface,	1	12mo,	100	150	15,000
Mrs. Wade's Catechism,	4	32mo,	224	3,000	672,000
Calendar for 1852,	1	12mo,	96	1,000	96,000
Sabbath School Catechism,	2	12mo,	120	2,000	240,000
Catalogue of Plants, (a job,)	1	12mo,	132	550	72,600
Sgau Karen Bible,*	1	8vo,	80	2,000	160,000
Sgau Pentateuch,	1	8vo,	80	500	40,000
Pwo New Testament,†	1	12mo,	84	1,000	84,000
			2,102	18,600	2,468,400

* Only ten signatures printed.

† Only seven signatures printed.

The *issues* from the depository during the same year were, of books, 21,255, and of pages 2,317,786.

Native Assistants and Contributions. — The assistants connected with the mission, embracing pastors and other preachers, colporteurs, and assistants in translation, (school teachers are not included under this designation,) are well reported of in general; some are incidentally alluded to in terms of high commendation. "Our native assistants," says one of the missionaries, "are improving, becoming almost if not quite equal to a foreign missionary; and under judicious direction, unless untoward circumstances prevent, will soon be more valuable. We are now seeing the effects of the theological school." Another speaks of one of the pastors as a "good man in whom his people repose unbounded confidence"—"they fear they can do nothing without him." The pastors and "the travelling preachers," the number not stated, are mostly supported by the churches, by whom also with the aid of the missionaries they are appointed. They have their own committees for appointing and supervision. Only one Karen preaching assistant in Tavoy Province is supported *entirely* by funds of the Missionary Union; to others occasional aid is given, to one a rupee, to another two or three rupees; to others none. The contributions to the funds of the Union from the churches, besides the indirect aid as above rendered, are not large; and it is presumed also are reported but in part. Patsauoo church contributed eight rupees, eight annas; and Pyeekehya church nearly thirty rupees.

ARRACAN MISSION.

AKYAB.—REV. MESSRS. L. INGALLS and C. C. MOORE, and their wives.

Kemee Department.—REV. H. E. KNAPP. Three native assistants.

Cruda,—outstation.

KYOOK PHYOO.—REV. H. M. CAMPBELL* and wife. One native assistant.

Ramree,—outstation. One native assistant.

Two stations, two outstations; three missionaries, and three female assistants; five native assistants.

The death of Mrs. Knapp, which occurred on the 23d of May of disease of the heart after an illness of but two days, was a bereavement as painful as sudden, although the event was welcomed by her with an almost impatient gladness. She had been in connection with the mission a little more than a year, having arrived in March, 1850. Mr. Ingalls, accompanied by Mrs. I., resumed his labors at Akyab Dec. 13.

The mission report exhibits a diligent prosecution of labors, though with few marked indications of progress. "Akyab has been a scene of continual conflict." Thousands have heard the word of life, and some have become so far enlightened as to despise and oppose idolatry. Several villages have been visited by Mr. Moore, accompanied by an assistant, where the word preached and distributed was well received. At Kyouk Phyoo, where a zayat has been built, and Mr. Campbell preaches also from house to house, there have been several inquirers. Preaching has been maintained at Ramree by native assistants, and to some extent on Cheduba island. Both these islands were also visited by Mr. Campbell in No-

* Deceased.

vember and December. On Cheduba many were ready to listen to the gospel and anxious to obtain books. Large and interested audiences were easily gathered on successive evenings. At Ramree less eagerness was manifested by the people, but no unwillingness to hear, although some of the principal men endeavored to divert the attention of the populace by feasts and shows. A few converts reside at Queday, who maintain religious worship. Five have been baptized during the year; and there are two or three applicants for the ordinance. Two have been excluded, one a former assistant; and one other assistant has been suspended. Present number of members of the church, but resident at widely separated towns and villages, about 50.

"With no special encouragement to labor, but God's promise to bless his preached word," say the mission, "we have nothing special to discourage. The field is large, and full of thorns and briars and underwood. But the jungle is not impervious, and the soil that has been broken, is found susceptible of culture."

Mr. Ingalls, writing a few weeks after his return to the station, at a later date than the preceding, gives the following representation. "The church has been reduced much, and afflicted with dissensions, but things wear a more favorable aspect. One inquirer appears hopeful, awakened by the instrumentality of one of our assistants: two others stand well, one of them awakened by a tract. The three are now asking for baptism. Several others afford us encouragement."

Schools. — School instruction at Akyab has been mostly confined to the children of native converts and two Kemee lads, under the superintendence of Mr. Knapp. He has also taught an interesting bible class in Burmese, and at the earnest solicitation of some Burmese young men, had consented for a time to give instruction in surveying, hoping to secure an opportunity to preach the gospel to them. A good beginning has been made at Kyook Phyoo, and a school gathered, numbering 20 pupils.

Kemee Department. — At our last dates Mr. Knapp was about to renew his visit to the Kemee country, accompanied by the Kemee youths under his charge. Having recovered a good measure of health, his hope was also revived that with the divine blessing he should give the gospel to the Kemee people. A new discouragement has arisen in the diversity of dialects, dividing the people into two nearly equal classes, and leaving only 2,000 or 3,000 speaking the dialect which Mr. Knapp has been desirous to learn. Meanwhile he has been making good progress in Burmese, preparatory to the acquisition of Kemee, and will be able to prosecute missionary labors in the Burmese department if the other should be eventually discontinued.

Since the preparation of the above notices we have received the very painful intelligence of the death of Mr. Campbell by cholera on the 22d of February. He was attacked by this fearful scourge while returning from Akyab, and, notwithstanding the best medical attention on his arrival at Kyook Phyoo, fell its victim after an illness of about thirty-six hours. His removal is a loss to the mission difficult to repair. Although connected with it but a short period, he had acquired a good knowledge of Burman, and had already entered zealously into his chosen employ-

ment, *preaching the word*. This he regarded as his *great work*, and none of his associates gave better promise, as one of their number remarks, of being a *thorough-going, whole-hearted* missionary.

We learn from the same letter that Mrs. Ingalls had been attacked by the epidemic, which was making wide havoc among the native population, but by great efforts and the special favor of Providence she had been partially restored.

SANDOWAY MISSION.

SANDOWAY.—Rev. Messrs. E. L. ABBOTT, J. S. BEECHER, and H. L. VAN METER; Mrs. BEECHER, Mrs. VAN METER. Two Burmese assistants.

One station and forty-four outstations; three missionaries and two female assistants; forty-nine native assistants, (forty-four Sgau and five Pwo.)

Of the outstations, eight are in Arracan, and the rest in Burmah Proper. Six of the assistants, including one Pwo, are ordained preachers.

In consequence of Mr. Abbott's removal to Tenasserim the charge of the station, assistants, &c., has devolved during the year on Messrs. Beecher and Van Meter. The health of Mr. Abbott, the Committee are pained to learn, continues in a precarious state, and his labors in preaching and teaching have been almost entirely suspended. He has devoted some attention, however, as his strength has permitted, to the preparation of Notes on Hebrews and Acts for the benefit of native assistants.

Our last annual report brought the history of this mission down to the close of the annual meeting held at Ongkyoung in December, 1850. There were reported at that meeting forty-four churches and forty-eight native preachers or pastors. A complete list has more recently been forwarded of the names and localities of the churches and pastors. The number of members respectively connected with them is not stated, and can only be approximated by careful estimate. Karens are accustomed to frequent removals, and the pastors are not practised in returning statistics. The whole number of members being once ascertained by the mission, which is done by special messengers as the census is taken with us, the *aggregate* changes only are noted in subsequent years, when baptisms, deaths and exclusions are reported by the pastors; thus securing general accuracy, but not distinguishing individual churches. The aggregate membership as thus computed, is about 5,000. We gather a few particulars of some of the churches from a communication from Mr. Beecher, who visited most of those in Arracan soon after the association meeting was closed.

Ongkyoung, To Lo pastor. — This church was founded by Tway Poh, who was succeeded in 1847 by Myat Kyau. The latter was not cordially supported by the church, and being a better preacher than pastor, was appointed the last year by the Association a travelling preacher. During his pastorate "the love of the church for each other, for their teachers and for Christ, grew cold, and the love of money increased." A few remained faithful, and the contemplated change of pastors, it was hoped, would be followed by a favorable change in the people.

Kyoung Thah, present pastor Gna Kong, assisted by Myah Au. — The church is feeble, but the members are disposed to aid their pastor according to their ability.

Sinmah, Bo-ga Loe pastor. — The pastoral connection is about to close; the church is desirous to retain it, but the pastor is dissatisfied with the fruit of his labors.

Buffaloe, pastor Kroo Dee. — The church few and feeble, but gradually increasing. Their poverty is extreme, but they have built a neat and durable chapel, and contribute five rupees towards their pastor's support, the mission paying ten rupees.

Great Plains. — This church had been greatly afflicted in the sudden death of its pastor, Wah Dee, while on a preaching tour in Burmah. His memory was held in most affectionate remembrance. "Wah Dee, though dead, has become a sweet smelling savor," was the remark of the aged head man of the village. A great improvement had been made during the past three years. "The houses standing in rows and built with care,—the ground under and around free from rubbish, as if often swept,—the little plots of vegetables well cultivated and fruitful,—the thriving nurseries,—the street wide and straight, and neatly bordered with fruit trees and flowers whose fragrance filled the air,—all done by Wah Dee, all planned and directed by Wah Dee,—altogether formed a spot lovely and pleasant." The outward condition of the people was a fair representation of their spiritual state. Their many and severe afflictions, for many had befallen them, had been sanctified to their growth in grace; and a degree of intelligence and spirituality was exhibited which far exceeded expectation. Arrangements were made to supply the place of the pastor by his son, a youth of great promise, the head man continuing meanwhile to aid in conducting worship and watching over the members.

Thay Rau, Tway Poh pastor. — The people of this village have exhibited "much of American enterprise" in building it, and are advancing in civilization as well as Christianity. "Four years previous the place was a dense wilderness, but the rice field has appeared instead of the jungle; and where a few years since roamed herds of the wild elephant, Christians now walk in company to the house of God." The prosperous appearance of the people is here also attributable in a marked degree to pastoral influence. "No native preacher has a greater or better influence abroad, and none is more beloved and respected at home." "As we passed by or entered his room from day to day," says Mr. Beecher, "and saw Tway Poh,—*Rev. Tway Poh* we should say, for no minister was ever more worthy of the title than he,—sitting by his table, reading and studying, or conversing with those who sought his advice,—we often wished that our brethren and sisters who feel such an interest in this people, could experience the delight that we did as the expression came involuntarily to our lips, How much like a pastor in his study at home! Let the prayers of Christians ascend to the great Head of the church, that he will raise up from among this people many such pastors as Tway Poh."

The Association adjourned to meet at *Thay Rau* in December. At this last session about twenty-five native preachers were present, including four of the ordained. The only missionary in attendance was Mr.

Van Meter, Mr. Beecher being driven back by violent storms. The meeting is represented as one of surpassing interest, but after a week's continuance was suddenly broken off by the announcement of hostilities in Burmah Proper. A large number of Pwo young men had come over the mountains for the purpose of studying with Mr. Van Meter, some of whom were expected to go to Sandoway; but they would now proceed to Maulmain.

The statistics of the churches obtained at this meeting have not been communicated at the writing of this report. In the neighborhood of Bassein, the number of converts baptized in the early part of the year by one of the preachers, Mounng Yay, was ninety-seven.

Schools.—The school opened by Mr. Beecher for native assistants, on the adjournment of the Association of 1850, embraced thirty pupils, and was continued nearly four weeks. They were occupied chiefly in the study of the Epistle to the Galatians. An exposition was also given of the Epistle of James and the 1st Epistle of Peter. A few evenings were occupied with lectures on astronomy, the people of Ongkyoung also attending in great numbers. A class of ten school teachers and a few lads were taught arithmetic by a native assistant. A Pwo school was taught by Mr. Van Meter at Buffaloe at the same period, as noted last year. On returning to Sandoway Mr. Beecher was employed during the rains in conducting a boarding school, which continued four and a half months. Number of pupils twenty-one, at an average cost each *per* month of three rupees. The studies were substantially the same as in former years, and the progress and deportment of the pupils highly satisfactory.

The mission earnestly solicit pecuniary aid in the establishing of *common* schools. The efforts made to induce Karens to support schools of their own the two or three years past, have failed to secure adequate results. The cause of this, whether poverty together with oppressive taxation by the Burmese rulers, or want of a proper appreciation of the value of learning, or other hindrance, the mission have not satisfactorily learned. The impediments will pass away, we may confidently assume, as light increases, and as the rigor of Burman rule is relaxed or abolished. Meanwhile only such an amount of aid is called for as shall encourage to self-sustaining efforts. Common schools must be supported by the native population. The school at Sandoway, like other boarding or normal schools, is designed for the education of teachers.

Native Assistants and Contributions.—The character and office of the assistants connected with Sandoway Mission may be gathered in general from preceding passages in this report. With very few exceptions they are *acting* pastors of churches, having substantially the same duties, except the administration of ordinances, which is restricted to the six who have been ordained. Their nomination to office has been ordinarily by the churches, though with little regard to forms; there being a like inadvertence to forms in church organization. "A number of baptized Christians, from six to three hundred, living in the same village or vicinity, select from among their own number (almost invariably) the man best adapted by age, intelligence and piety, to conduct public worship and discharge pastoral duties, and call him 'teacher.' Without further formalities, this band of Christians is

subsequently called and reported a 'church,' and this man their 'pastor.' The 'pastor' usually pursues a course of study with the missionaries, during which period his character and qualifications become known; and if approved he is appointed an 'assistant,'—reference still being had to the representations of the church and of other native assistants."

The assistants are disposed as a body to maintain a high standard of moral purity. Two of their number have been disfellowshipped by their own voluntary acts. One was tried at the Ongkyoung associational meeting before the whole body of assistants; and when the final question was put, the vote was unanimous.

The pecuniary support of the assistants, or pastors, is derived in a large measure from their respective churches. The amount contributed in 1850 by thirty churches was more than 360 rs., with 2,000 baskets of paddy, besides other articles of food not readily estimated. The amount paid by the mission to twenty-six Sgau assistants was 312 rs., and to all, including Sgaus and Pwos, but 466 rs. "This, with what they have received from the churches and what they can do for themselves without diminishing their pastoral usefulness, renders them as comfortable as the majority of their people; and that is all that is desirable."

This constrained dependence of the native pastors on the churches is found to be salutary. It teaches them their mutual obligations, and helps to enforce the observance of them. It cultivates right affections. It promotes also a desire both in pastors and people to build up large and permanent villages. The readiness with which the system of ministerial support has been embraced by the churches and assistants, gives great encouragement to the mission, and they anticipate the same benefits from it in due time, to the Karens, which have resulted from it among ourselves.

The pastoral connection appears to be in general well sustained. The pastor usually abides with the same flock, unless the village is broken up by Burman oppression or some alarming disease. Only one instance is known of a church calling a pastor of another flock. Dismissal, which sometimes occurs, is effected by a method strictly Karen. "The church dismiss themselves." If a pastor incurs their dislike, yet is guilty of nothing worthy of public complaint or discipline, the church leave him; some going to another village and to a favorite preacher, others building up a new village, and again selecting a pastor from among themselves. In no instance has a pastor been appointed to a church by the mission; nor has the mission refused to acknowledge as pastor one whom a church had selected.

The churches are encouraged to act independently of the mission so far and fast as they mature in intellectual and spiritual strength, yet in accordance with the principles which the mission inculcates. And as changes are continually occurring, there is a growing assimilation in church building and discipline to the usages of Baptist churches at home.

Karen Home Mission Society. — The convention of native preachers for completing the organization of the Karen Home Mission Society was held near Bassein in accordance with the appointment. A good representation were present, and more would have attended but for the

jealousy of the Burman government, which made it unadvisable for a large number of Karens to assemble at one place. Contributions were sent in from nearly all the churches, amounting to more than 100 rupees, which, with fifty rupees previously raised, were appropriated to the support of three home missionaries. One of these was detained from entering on his work by sickness in his family; the others, one Pwo and one Sgau, were to labor exclusively among the heathen of their respective tribes. "These churches have from the beginning been accustomed to make annual contributions to the missions, but now for the first time have applied the proceeds to *this* object, the responsibility of expending their funds being thrown on themselves. It is a first effort, and comparatively small, but promises to 'grow and wax great.'""

Burmese at Sandoway. — A small Burmese church has been gathered at Sandoway, of six or eight members, including two preaching assistants. The first convert was baptized in 1843, having become acquainted with the gospel through the instrumentality of the late Mrs. Abbott, who to the close of life was unwearied in her efforts for the salvation of the Burmese, with whose language she had become well conversant. Taking her seat in the verandah of her house fronting the wayside, with a bundle of tracts and Scriptures, she would read and explain to all who might be disposed to listen. Occasionally a large group would sit in silence for hours. Other converts were added, and as two of the number were found to possess suitable gifts, they have been employed in preaching and tract distribution with good effect. Considerable attention has been bestowed on this department by Mr. Abbott, and during the rains of 1850 he was accustomed to preach in Burmese every Sabbath and occasionally week-day evenings. Mr. Van Meter has also been led to devote some attention to the Burmese language, in view of the destitution around him. The population of Sandoway is sufficiently large to employ advantageously the whole time and strength of a Burmese missionary. And such a designation to labor will be rendered still more advisable, if, as we have cause to anticipate, the political changes occurring in Burmah Proper shall open a nearer access to the Karen churches east of the mountains by way of Rangoon or Bassein.

AVA MISSION.

REV. E. KINCAID, J. DAWSON, M. D., and their wives.
Two native assistants.

Messrs. Kincaid and Dawson, whose arrival at Maulmain was noted in our last report, proceeded to Rangoon early in March, and having effected their arrangements for a temporary residence, removed their families thither in April following, proposing to ascend to Ava at the close of the rainy season. Their reception by the Rangoon authorities was cold

* Mr. Beecher, in reporting the facts as above, calls attention to the amount of appropriation voted. "The fact that this convention of native preachers has decided to give, and that two of their number have accepted as their entire support, 50 rs. a year, may be worthy of further consideration. These men are here expending their own money or money from their churches, churches on which they must depend mainly for their own support also. They would not be likely to give their missionaries *more* than is necessary, nor would the missionaries be likely to accept *less* than they actually need. We cannot hope therefore to find better qualified or more impartial judges of the *amount requisite* for the support of native preachers."

and forbidding. Vexatious obstructions were thrown in their way. Individuals guilty of showing them kindness were visited with fines, imprisonment and scourging. The missionaries themselves were prohibited leaving their house or distributing books, and were to be placed under a constant surveillance. Notwithstanding these arbitrary proceedings, they pursued their object quietly, and began their work. On the 3d of May a royal message came from Ava. "The king had heard with pleasure of the coming of the American teachers, and they were to be treated with all possible favor." The Rangoon governor assumed a new bearing. Public worship was commenced on the Sabbath at stated hours, both in Burmese and English, and the various operations of a mission station and of a medical dispensary were prosecuted without molestation thenceforward, till the late breaking out of hostilities.

During this period of more than six months the missionaries were cheered by scenes and incidents and intelligence of extraordinary interest. Their dwelling and dispensary were thronged by thousands; to all of whom more or less of the gospel was communicated. In different directions Scriptures and tracts were widely disseminated. Four Burmans and five Karens received the rite of baptism, professing faith in Christ. Three others were supposed to have believed the word, and there were many earnest inquirers. The presence of the missionaries at Rangoon was noised throughout the interior. Large numbers of Karens visited the station from all the surrounding regions, distant from twenty-five to 150 miles. During a visit of twenty days by Mr. Vinton, more than 200 Karens came in, including nearly all the assistants. Two Burman assistants were sent to visit the Karen churches east of Rangoon, and subsequently the churches to the north and northwest. From Dalla province and southward towards Bassein, messenger after messenger had been sent by Karens to inquire for teachers. Intelligence was received of some of the converts who had remained steadfast at Ava.

In the midst of these encouraging scenes, and when the missionaries had nearly completed their preparations for proceeding to the capital in pursuance of their original purpose and under favor of the royal invitation, a new aspect was put on the posture of things and on their enterprise by the arrival of war steamers at Rangoon, late in November, demanding on behalf of the East India Government redress of grievances. The demand was evaded, hostilities ensued, and the mission families in imminent peril were compelled to seek personal safety, though at the sacrifice of property, by hastily withdrawing from the city. The particulars of these occurrences have been given at length in the *Missionary Magazine*. The missionaries returned to Maulmain in January.

The bearing of these more recent events on the evangelizing of Burmah, though involving a temporary suspension of direct labor, can hardly be questioned. In all probability and within a short period Burmah will be laid open effectually and permanently to the Christian missionary. Oppression and persecution and intervention will have come to an end. The Karen churches will have rest, and walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, will be edified. The gospel will have *free course*; and if American Christians fulfil the part assigned to them, it will be *glorified*, not only among the Karens, but among the Peguans and Burmans.

MISSION TO SIAM.

BANGKOK (*Siamese department*).—REV. S. J. SMITH, Mrs. S. S. JONES, and Miss H. H. MORSE.

(*Chinese department*).—REV. W. and Mrs. ASHMORE. Five native assistants.

In this country.—Mr. J. H. and Mrs. CHANDLER.

Outstations.—*Bangchang* and *Lengkiachiu*.

One station and two outstations ; three missionaries and four female assistants,—five Chinese assistants.

Mr. and Mrs. Chandler arrived in this country July 28th, to make arrangements for refitting the printing department, which, in common with nearly the whole of the material resources of the mission, had been destroyed by fire. Mr. and Mrs. Ashmore arrived at Bangkok April 14.

The past year has been signalized by a rapid alternation of cheerful and forbidding aspects, alike teaching that the mission and all its interests are in the hands of a watchful Providence, and that His ways are past finding out. The disastrous conflagration, of which tidings reached us just before the presentation of the last report, left the mission families nearly destitute, and their auxiliary means of usefulness cut off. The state of public affairs was gloomy. Not long after this, the death of the old king, and the accession of a sovereign more enlightened and liberal in his policy, promised a more tolerant administration, favorable to the active prosecution of missionary work. These hopeful anticipations have thus far been fulfilled. European and American civilization is highly respected at court, and the missionaries have been treated with marked consideration. A decree for the toleration of religious worship and itineracy offers ample encouragement to preach the gospel in all accessible parts of the kingdom. There is no reason to suppose that Christianity is an object of royal approbation, or that the conversion of the Siamese would be favorably regarded in the palace,—nor, except for the king's personal advantage, is this greatly to be desired. But the free permission to preach, at once encourages the mission, and makes it imperative on us to follow up the advantage so unexpectedly gained.

Scarcely, however, had this state of things begun to exist, and the mission to take courage, when they were smitten with an unlooked-for blow. Dr. Jones, the founder and chief human stay of the mission, was removed by death, after a few days' illness, on the 13th of September. He had been in missionary service, except as occasionally interrupted by impaired health and other providential causes, for twenty years, during eighteen of which he had been connected with the Siam mission. It was his to lay the foundations, to clothe the truths of Christianity in the forms of the Siamese language, to prepare religious tracts, and, especially, to translate the Scriptures. For this pioneer service he was qualified by the structure of his mind, by much and wisely directed study, and by a singularly placid temper, joined to a firm, intrepid will, whose impulses were directed by a piety of more than common depth and active force. Void of ostentation, of exclusiveness and of assumption, fraternal in feeling and conciliatory in action, he was yet fast anchored in principle, seeking first of all to do his Master's work in the Master's

appointed way. He translated the New Testament, and revised it for a third edition; a version of the Old Testament had been commenced; and it was our hope that he might be spared to give the Siamese the entire written word of God, translated in a degree of accuracy and idiomatic purity beyond the reach of any other man living. But he has been called to rest from his labors, and others must enter into and consummate them.

Buildings. — The loss by fire has been but partially repaired. A brick building, occupied as a store-room for the printing department, has been refitted, and a part of it is temporarily occupied as a dwelling. A brick dwelling house is also in process of erection.

Religious Services. — The usual Sunday and week-day services in Siamese were resumed as soon as a temporary building could be prepared for the purpose, and have been continued through the year. The attendance is chiefly confined to pupils in the schools and persons in the employ of the mission, who severally receive such instruction, and in such form, as appears specially adapted to them. These labors are prosecuted, though without any immediate success, in hope, with ardent desires that divine energy may make them spiritually profitable, and in a spirit of patient expectation, waiting for the greatly needed blessing.

The Chinese department of the mission has mainly depended on the labors of native assistants; Mr. and Mrs. Ashmore not having as yet acquired a sufficient knowledge of the language to afford the church their guidance, except through an interpreter. In common with the Siamese it suffered by the conflagration of last year, but a building has been prepared for religious meetings, and though, in consequence of its very retired location, the regular congregation since the fire has been smaller than before, the general aspect of things is encouraging. The services on the Sabbath have been, as heretofore, preaching in the morning, and prayer and conference meeting in the afternoon; average attendance, twenty. Daily morning worship is also held, the average attendance on which has been ten. The concert of prayer is regularly observed; when the friends and supporters of this mission in America have a place in the prayers offered. These services are conducted by the principal assistant, Kiok Cheng, who also visits the members of the church, and encourages, exhorts or warns as the case may be.

Outstations. — One or more native assistants are constantly stationed both at Bangchang and Lengkiachiu, by whom Sabbath and daily worship is maintained. By these services and the distribution of tracts and personal religious conversation with the people, the truths of the gospel are disseminated, and there is evidence of some good being wrought through their agency.

Tract Distribution. — The mission has been shut up more exclusively than ever to oral religious instruction. The whole stock of books in hand at the beginning of the year having been consumed, and the present publication of more rendered impossible by the destruction of the printing office and bindery, the business of book and tract distribution has been nearly suspended. The liberality of other missions at Bangkok has supplied a limited amount of Siamese books, with which to meet the most important demands. Among the Chinese, this means of usefulness can be employed to but a limited extent, as the number of readers is

proportionally much less than in China. So far as the case admits of it, the native assistants have availed themselves of opportunities to put books and tracts in circulation; for a supply of which the mission has been dependent on the press in China.

Church, baptisms, &c. — Amidst the alternations of gloom and sunshine, the church has enjoyed tokens of the Divine presence and benediction. On the first communion season after the fire, while smouldering ruins marked the place of their late sanctuary, two Chinese converts were added to their number by baptism, and sat down to commemorate the Saviour's death. Two cases of hopeful conversion have also occurred, one of them the wife of the assistant, Chek Suan, stationed at Bangchang, that are awaiting the action of the church, as the reality of the change shall be tested by a reasonable probation. It is obvious, however, that the supervision of the church must be very imperfect under existing arrangements, and the members look earnestly for the time when Mr. Ashmore, whose arrival among them was hailed with peculiar satisfaction, shall be able to communicate to them freely, what they need, but have had scanty opportunity to learn. Three members have died during the year, leaving the present number of the church thirty-four.

Contributions. — A collection is taken up at the monthly meetings for prayer, which during the year has amounted to thirty-eight ticals, or \$21.28 — equal to sixty-two cents for each member. As most of the native Christians have incomes not exceeding forty-eight dollars per annum, the most prosperous member earning but \$144, their liberality is exemplary.

Schools. — Miss Morse has given her time and strength almost exclusively to the care of a small number of girls and two boys, originally gathered into a boarding school, supported and taught by Mrs. Chandler. She has added one girl to the number, at her own charge, and instructs, also, a number of day scholars. These are all taught in their native language, and the girls in needlework. Mrs. Jones has two day schools, the supervision and teaching of which devolve exclusively on her, except as she can avail herself of the partial aid of the more advanced pupils. Besides these, she has a number of pupils that are taught the English language. The whole number of boarding scholars is sixteen, and of day scholars thirty-three; total, forty-eight. This department of labor presents, in the view of the mission, a means of usefulness worthy of more attention than it has hitherto received.

Instruction at the Palace. — The king having signified his pleasure that one of the ladies of the missions should attend at the palace daily to give instruction in the English language to the ladies of the court, arrangements were made for one from each of the three American missions to go in rotation on this errand. Being aside from their appropriate and chosen calling, this is by no means an attractive employment; but opportunity may be found to convey spiritual instruction to those with whom they are thus brought in contact, and some incidental advantage may also accrue to the missions from this sort of connection with the court.

General State and Wants of the Mission. — Enfeebled in numbers and only beginning to recover from the calamity that signalized the begin-

ning of the last year, there is yet much in the present state of the mission to encourage, or rather to require more vigorous exertion. The missionaries have the utmost harmony of spirit among themselves and with the brethren of other Christian denominations. United religious services are held by the members of the three missions twice a week. The favor shown to the missionaries by the king has given them favor also in the eyes of the people. In every sense of the word the kingdom is open to evangelical labor. While placing no reliance on the capricious kindness of courts, the tranquillity with which the mission is favored invites to effort. The slow and difficult toil of years has laid a durable foundation; and a time seems to have come to build upon it. The extent and promise of the field may have not been appreciated. Besides the Siamese and Chinese, to whom our efforts have been directed, the kingdom is largely inhabited by other races, speaking divers tongues,—Cochin-Chinese, Cambujans, Malays, Burmans, Peguans, Laos and Karens. Each of these peoples claim attention. Some of them, there is reason to believe, would speedily repay any reasonable labor bestowed. The proper reinforcement of the Siamese and Chinese departments is the utmost that can be attempted now, but the whole field should be kept in view, with the distinct impression that the work we have to do in Siam has only been begun.

HONGKONG MISSION.

HONGKONG.—REV. MESSRS. W. DEAN, and J. JOHNSON.

Outstations.—*Tung-chiu*, or *Long Island*, *Chek-chu*, *Tukia-wan*, *Chiemta-chiu*.

Native assistants.—*A Tui*, *A Sun*, *A Bak*, *A Eé*; besides three school teachers.

One station, and four outstations; two missionaries, and four native assistants.

No essential change in the operations of this mission is to be noted within the past year. The same missionaries have been engaged in substantially the same employments. The same assistants, at the same outstations, have held forth the word of life to their countrymen. But they have been refreshed by the presence of the Spirit from on high, giving them occasion to rejoice that their labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Religious Services.—Preaching in the chapel at Hongkong has been regularly maintained twice on the Lord's day. A daily morning and evening service, for catechetical and expository instruction, has also been sustained. By these means, together with preaching on board trading vessels, and visiting from house to house, many have heard the gospel. The attendance, including school children, has sometimes reached one hundred, and both in Hongkong and at the outstations the truth has been communicated to more persons than in any previous year.

Outstations.—At each of the four outstations a daily service has been conducted in connection with the schools, and at *Tung-chiu* and *Chek-chu*, in addition to these, there has been regular preaching on the Lord's day. The station at *Tung-chiu*, after being some time suspended by the opposition of the local authorities, as stated last year, has been resumed, the chapel has been completed, and a school successfully set in operation.

The history of this proceeding is an instance of that providential sovereignty, by which the opposition of men is overruled to the vindication and furtherance of the truth. The chapel was commenced in the fall of 1849, but before the work had made much progress the authorities interfered, probably with a view to extort money. The oldest church member, a respectable villager, was lodged in jail and beaten on some fictitious charges of a political nature, the school was dispersed, and the work wholly interrupted. On the appointment of a new military superintendent, the assistant had several interviews with him and sought redress. Particular inquiries were made in respect to the object of the building, the mode of worship, and the doctrines to be taught in it, giving an opportunity for a full exposition of the nature, the design and the fruits of Christianity. Copies of the Scriptures and other books were presented for examination, and the names of those who had become Christians were given in, that the superintendent might inform himself respecting their character and conduct. The result was, that orders were issued to permit the work to go on, and the authorities even contributed to the completion of the building. The chief officer himself wrote on a board, in large characters, *Tien kok lim kin*—"The kingdom of heaven is at hand," and had it set up in a conspicuous part of the chapel.

All the outstations have been regularly visited.

Church, baptisms, &c. — As already intimated, the church has enjoyed a larger measure of spiritual prosperity than during the previous year. Four have been added by baptism, and there are four candidates for that ordinance. A teacher in the employ of the mission, who has been excluded from fellowship, manifests a penitent desire to be restored. Two have died. One of these, a man baptized in 1848, died from wounds received in an attack by pirates while fishing. He was the only one of his family that had embraced Christ, and had much to test the sincerity of his profession; but he "kept the faith" steadfastly to the end. Of late, his mother has professed to abandon idolatry, and has become a regular attendant on the chapel worship at Tung-chiu.

The other deceased member was an aged disciple, also baptized in 1848. "Though he was brought in at the eleventh hour, being seventy-three years old when baptized, he possessed very clear views of the doctrines of the gospel, and his character was a lovely exhibition of what grace can effect in an old and hardened sinner. From the time of his conversion, his whole heart seemed drawn out in love and zeal for 'the doctrine.' Last year, feeling that his end was near, he resolved to visit his native district and see his friends once more. Having accomplished his object, he wished to return, as he remarked, 'to see the teachers and the brethren again, and go up to heaven from among them.' But he did not live to reach Hongkong. The boat in which he took passage stopped at a village a few miles from this place, and there the good old saint sickened and died, trusting in Christ's finished work, and rejoicing in His love to the last." The present number of the church is twenty-five.

Schools. — A school is maintained at each of the outstations, having in all sixty pupils. These have made encouraging progress. Some of the boys have manifested an unusual interest in the truth, and appear to be much impressed with its importance. The schools at Tukia-wan and

Chiemta-chui, with their teachers, attend the chapel service at Hongkong on Sundays, the parents of some of the children, and other friends, frequently coming with them. Of the three teachers employed by the mission (in addition to the preaching assistants and personal teachers of the missionaries), two are nominally believers in Christianity, and have abandoned idol worship, but have not been received into the church; the third is a man of avowed and acknowledged piety.

Printing and Distribution of Books.—The printing executed the past year has been an edition of three thousand copies of Genesis, with notes by Mr. Dean, and tracts to the amount of fifty-five thousand pages. Exodus with notes is reported as in press, and likely to be published by the close of the year 1851. Matthew with notes has already gained a large circulation, and the Acts of the Apostles, annotated in a similar manner, is in preparation. These portions of Scripture attract much attention, and are understood by those to whom the text without comment would be unintelligible. Mr. Dean is also engaged, in connection with Mr. Goddard of the Ningpo mission, in revising a version of the New Testament.

The mission express their persuasion that the indiscriminate circulation of books is useless if not worse. The number of readers in China is believed to have been much overrated; the number who are able to gain, by their reading alone, an intelligent view of Christianity, is comparatively small. Great good may be done by the judicious distribution of Scriptures and tracts; but it is only by oral instruction that the great mass of the people can gain a knowledge of the truth.

Native Assistants.—The native assistants, so called, are all preachers, and are devoted to the evangelical operations of the mission, under the direct oversight of the missionaries. Direct supervision is part of the received policy of the mission. They are all tried men, and full confidence is had in their conversion and sincerity; but not so as to allow to the missionaries the conscious liberty of sending them for a long period to places not frequented by themselves. “The need of prudence and unsleeping watchfulness” in the employing of native evangelists, has been enforced within the last few years by sad developments of character in some who bore that name. “The theory of evangelizing China by means of native agency,” say the missionaries, “has always had our confidence and support; but before that agency can be *employed*, it must itself first be *evangelized*.” The assistants are employed part of the time in Hongkong or its immediate vicinity, that by daily instruction and counsel they may be the better fitted for their work.

Contributions.—The church has contributed \$63.98, including monthly concert collections; and \$22.68 have been received from other sources.

NINGPO MISSION.

NINGPO.—REV. J. GODDARD, D. J. MACGOWAN, M. D., and their wives. *Chiu Ching Dau*, and *Giu Han Ching*, native assistants.

In this country, Rev. E. C. and Mrs. LORD.

One station, three missionaries, and three female assistants; two native assistants.

The continued and increasing ill health of Mrs. Lord required, in the judgment of her physicians and of the mission, that she should retire for a time to a more healthful climate; and accordingly, accompanied by her husband, she embarked from Shanghai July 23d, for the United States, *via* England, and arrived at Boston December 28th. Mrs. Macgowan has likewise suffered much from disease, and during a considerable time was in great measure incapacitated for missionary labor. On her account, and for relief from an attack of fever, Dr. Macgowan and his family spent two months on the island of Chusan, not, however, without opportunities for labors, both medical and evangelical.

Religious Services.—The direct evangelical labors of the mission are necessarily limited, in a great degree, to preaching at the chapels, and conversation with such persons as will come in, or remain after the public service, for that purpose. With one or two additional laborers something might be done to good purpose in the numerous villages and hamlets, where the gospel could be freely spoken to all; but till the station is reinforced this will be impracticable.

A second chapel, after much opposition and delay, has been rented, in a crowded part of the city. It is a neat hall, opening directly on the main street, and capable of seating one hundred and fifty persons. More have been attracted to this than to the old chapel; but the people are not easily taught the decorums of public worship, and entire discourses are heard by few. They hear a little now and a little then. Some remain for conversation, or to obtain books, and gradually, by various means, the elementary truths of religion are diffused among the people. At the new chapel, services are held twice on Sundays and once a day through the week, Saturdays excepted. Previous to the departure of Mr. Lord, preaching was maintained as formerly at the old chapel. Mr. Goddard has since preached there once on the Sabbath, leaving the other services to the native assistants. Its more retired situation, and the fact that, from its longer establishment, its purposes are better understood by the people in that vicinity, secure to it a more quiet, though smaller congregation. Could it be extended by the purchase of the intervening buildings, so as to open directly on the street, much more could be effected there than is now possible.

The Church.—The church at this station consists of nine members,—the six members of the mission, and three Chinese converts. A Chinese disciple from Siam has removed his residence, and will shortly transfer his church connection to Ningpo. No additions have been made during the past year. There are two or three inquirers who give some encouragement, though as yet there is no distinct evidence of conversion. The church was organized in 1847, since which time four Chinese converts have been received into fellowship, one of whom has departed this life in

the peace of the gospel. The Lord's Supper is observed on the first Sabbath of each alternate month.

The School. — The day school at the west chapel has had an average attendance of twenty-five children, who have been instructed both in their own classics and in Christian books, by a native teacher under the supervision of the mission. The older pupils commit to memory passages of Scripture, with expositions of its meaning,—the younger learn catechisms and simpler lessons. Their examination on the biblical studies of the week, which is attended on Sundays, occupies the place of a Sabbath school. Dr. Macgowan, and Mr. Lord (till his departure from the country), have conducted each a bible class, composed of teachers in the employ of the mission, and a few other persons interested in the study of the Scriptures.

Translation, Printing, &c. — The translation of Exodus has been completed, and an edition of three thousand copies printed. The version of the gospel by Matthew, Luke, and John, has been mostly revised for the press, but its publication is delayed for further consultation with Mr. Dean, of the Hongkong Mission. Mr. Goddard, with the assistant *Chiu* and another competent teacher, has been engaged daily in the work of translation, and it is hoped that the entire New Testament may soon be put into the hands of the people. Three other publications have been issued during the year; "A Philosophical Almanac," by Dr. Macgowan, containing, besides the calendar for the year, a description of the Electro-Magnetic Telegraph, with numerous plates illustrating the principles of electricity and magnetism, and two or three articles of a religious character; "A Summary of the Doctrines of Jesus," by Mr. Lord, being a brief view of the principal truths of Christianity, with a statement of the operations and designs of the mission, a table of the Sundays in the year, and an account of the services at the chapels, intended to invite the attention of the people to the public worship; and the Sermon on the Mount, the text from Mr. Goddard's manuscript, with brief notes by Mr. Lord.

PRINTING AND ISSUES AT NINGPO, 1851.

TITLES OF BOOKS.	PRINTED.			ISSUED.	
	Size.	Leaves.	Copies.	Copies.	Leaves.
Exodus,	8vo, ...	54	3,000	700	37,800
Truth and Error, (Dean's new edition,)	12mo, ...	12	3,500	3,500	42,000
Two Friends, (Milne's revised edition,)	12mo, ...	26	2,200	900	23,400
Philosophical Almanac,	8vo, ...	42	3,000	3,000	126,000
Summary of the Doctrines of Jesus,	16mo, ...	7	7,000	5,600	39,200
Sermon on the Mount,	12mo, ...	14	5,000	600	8,400
Total,		155	23,700	14,300	276,800

In addition to the issues above specified, books from Hongkong have been largely circulated. Tracts and portions of Scripture

have been distributed to visitors at the chapels, and in other channels, as opportunity has presented. The smaller tracts are given freely,—the larger are given only to those who appear likely to read and understand them. On occasion of a literary examination under direction of the chancellor of the province, two thousand tracts and books were distributed among the candidates and the suite of the chancellor, by whom some portion of the written word was disseminated through the district. The total distribution from the depository, of portions of Scripture, was 8,549 copies; and of tracts and books, 14,768 copies.

Native Assistants.—*Chiu Ching Dau*, appointed an assistant in 1847, preaches in the chapel and labors as a tract distributor. He manifests a considerable degree of diligence and interest in his work, and has improved as a public speaker. In addition to these duties, he has spent five or six hours daily, with another teacher, assisting Mr. Goddard in the work of translation. *Giu Han Ching*, who was formerly employed as a teacher, and who was baptized in 1850, was accepted at the last annual meeting of the mission to pursue a course of study preparatory to employing him as an assistant. He has received exegetical instruction from Mr. Goddard, and previous to Mr. Lord's departure, had a daily exercise with him on the evidences and principal doctrines of Christianity. To a limited extent he has exercised his gifts in public, and attained some degree of ability in setting forth the truths of the gospel; but it is thought desirable that for some time to come he be kept mostly at study, rendering occasional aid in the chapel, and as a tract distributor.

These assistants are a great help, and hopes are entertained that they will ultimately prove widely useful. But from the imperfection of their religious knowledge and experience, and the lack of that decision, energy, and tact, which depend for their mature development on long Christian training and effort, they are *strictly* helpers, not pioneers. They need frequent suggestions, cautions, and encouragements. They have yet many things to learn. As helpers, however, their services are neither few nor slight. A considerable part of the public speaking at chapel service, when a missionary is present, devolves on them; and when for any cause he is absent, they conduct the service alone. They likewise converse with visitors and distribute tracts. Their countrymen extend to them a degree of confidence which they deny to foreigners; their ability to explain the truth intelligibly, to appreciate and to meet objections and difficulties, gives them a certain superiority over foreign teachers, and they only need to be taught the way of the Lord more perfectly, in order to become heralds of the gospel where foreign missionaries are not soon likely to go. And the mission regard the raising up and training of native preachers as one of their most important departments of labor. But it is one of much anxiety, calling for great assiduity, patience, and forbearance. It is often a difficult problem,—to make a wise and Christian allowance for the weakness of these brethren, without abating anything from the just demands of duty.

Contributions.—The concert of prayer is observed monthly by the church. The contributions for the year amounted to \$84.21, “of which the native members have borne a reasonable part.” This sum is appropriated to the support of the assistant Chiu.

Medical Department. — Dr. Macgowan has kept his dispensary in operation during the year, and daily administered to the sick. During his residence at Chusan his services were much in request; he there prescribed for about two thousand cases, some of them requiring surgical operations. His limited means have somewhat straitened him in this department, but he is now assisted by the Medical Missionary Society of Canton, and hopes he shall be able to labor more effectively in future. In thus relieving the bodily sufferings of his fellow-men, he avails himself of opportunities to impart to them some spiritual good. Distribution of tracts and personal conversation with the people are combined with his professional labors as far as circumstances will admit.

Relations to other Missions. — The relations of the mission with those of other evangelical bodies at Ningpo are of the most fraternal kind. They maintain a united concert of prayer monthly; and a missionary society, composed of the male members of each mission, (the English Episcopal and General Baptist, and the American Presbyterian and Baptist,) meets once in two months for consultation on questions that arise in their work. They feel that all combined are but a feeble band for such a vast field, and that there is room for their utmost efforts, without any collision or competition.

Results. — The scantiness of immediate results in this mission, though lamented by its members as well as by those to whom their labors are reported, does not discourage them in their work, nor should it relax coöperation here. The seed time is long, and the harvest seems to linger, but the seed sown is instinct with immortal life, and will not be lost. A degree of opposition, not merely to foreigners, but to the Christian religion, shows that the people are beginning to feel in some measure the stress of its assault on idolatry. At the close of the literary examination just referred to, the chancellor took occasion to warn the candidates assembled from all parts of the district to compete for the honors of learning, against the efforts that are making to introduce a new religion from the west, and to exhort them to a determined support of the doctrines of Confucius and the customs of the empire. A tract designed to strengthen the Confucian sect, prepared by the Imperial Academy, and issued under the sanction of the emperor, has been circulated at Ningpo, with notes by the governor of the district, in which special attention is drawn to the dissemination of doctrines till lately unknown in the "inner land." These tokens of hostility are also tokens that the leaven of the gospel has begun to work, at least supplanting indifference, if not yet conciliating attachment.

MISSION TO ASSAM.

SIBSAGOR.—Rev. Messrs. N. BROWN and S. M. WHITING, Mr. O. T. CUTTER, printer, and their wives.—Two native assistants.

NOWGONG.—Rev. Messrs. M. BRONSON, I. J. STODDARD and G. DAUBLE, and their wives.*—Two native assistants.

GOWAHATI.—Rev. Messrs. A. H. DANFORTH and W. WARD, and their wives.—Three native assistants.

Three stations; eight missionaries and eight female assistants; seven native assistants, of whom four are preachers.

The late reinforcement to this mission arrived at their places of designation in safety, notwithstanding the advanced stage of the season and the prevalence of a desolating cholera at Gowahati and Nowgong. The part destined to Sibsagor reached that station June 7, accompanied by Mr. Cutter who had joined them at Maulmain, the state of his health having required a voyage at sea. The accession of so large a number of helpers, distributed at the three stations, did not fail to awaken deep thankfulness; Mr. Däuble also, who had been an assistant teacher at Nowgong, being subsequently ordained to the ministry, and those who had withdrawn for a season, now returning with invigorated health. The addition at a later period of five native assistants, including the two who were recently in this country, and the more exclusive appropriation of others to evangelical labor, was scarcely less an occasion for grateful rejoicings.

The fruits of this *increase* of missionary laborers will appear in coming years. The period now under review was chiefly filled up with the operations of those already in the field or in preparations for the future.

At *Sibsagor*, during the earlier months of the year, the charge of the station, in the absence of Mr. Cutter, devolved exclusively on Mr. Brown, leaving him no opportunity for labors abroad. The work of village itineracy for preaching and colporting, was consequently committed to the native assistants; who performed it with commendable zeal. Religious meetings at the station have been attended with interest. The school for girls, established in 1850, now embraces nine pupils, and gives promise of great usefulness. Three of the pupils have professed faith in Christ. Two other converts have also been baptized at this station, one a Naga youth, the second of his tribe.

The chief object of interest at *Nowgong* has been the Orphan Institution, engrossing most of the time both of the missionaries and assistants. More recently it has been placed in the exclusive charge of Mr. and Mrs. Stoddard; Mr. Däuble being transferred at his own request to the work of preaching. The school embraces two departments, the boys numbering 50, the girls 15, total 65.* Only one is Eurasian; the rest are of native descent, but coming from eight or ten distinct tribes or castes. Their proficiency has been most gratifying, and their deportment commendable. Ten of the pupils were members of the church at

* Mr. Däuble and Miss M. S. Shaw were united in marriage at Nowgong July 23.

* Whole number from the beginning (1843) 68. One has died, one has been dismissed to learn the art of printing, and one expelled.

the close of 1851, including some of the assistants ; who all had become acquainted with the way of salvation during their connection with the institution. Late intelligence gives a most cheering representation of its present religious state. Four members of the girls' department were baptized on the first Sabbath of 1852, in the presence of more than 400 heathen spectators. The church were quickened ; and other indications of the moving of God's Spirit were soon apparent.

Mr. Bronson writes, Jan. 10, " We have had most solemn and interesting meetings night and morning every day since. The feeling is nothing fitful, but the blessed Saviour seems to be carrying forward a good work in their hearts. Several have, we hope, found peace in believing. * *

* We are now in the midst of another revival like the one we enjoyed when Lucien, James, and several others, who are now fellow laborers in this glorious work, were converted to God. With such indications, who can doubt that God approves of our efforts to gather in the young ? "

The studies of the institution are conducted in Assamese, Bengali, and English, the latter only in approved cases, and are designed to cover a period of eight years. Manual exercise is required daily ; and in this way many repairs are effected on the mission compound ; and some attention has been paid to the cultivation of arrowroot. Although located at Nowgong, the institution is regarded with a common interest by the whole mission, and is under its joint supervision.

The missionaries connected with this station have visited some of the villages in the dry season, for preaching, &c. " Villages are at hand in every direction, six, eight, and ten miles in length."

The cold season of 1850-1, from November to February inclusively, was spent by Mr. Danforth of *Gowahati*, chiefly in travelling in Durrung and Kamroop, as mentioned in our last report. During this period, while preaching the gospel in numerous villages, he distributed more than 4,000 tracts and portions of Scriptures, besides some Bengali and Hindustani books, &c., giving only to such as could read, and, except in a few instances, only when solicited, and never more than one book to a single individual. " Thus 4,238 persons in the villages within a few months, were furnished with a religious book, and perhaps nearly as many families had each one of these messengers of mercy borne to their dwelling." Many were distributed in government schools and received with eagerness. Many were scattered at fairs or market places, and in assemblies gathered for religious purposes. Seldom an objection was raised to them, none were known to be destroyed, often they were commended in the highest terms. " And yet," adds the missionary, " I have but little confidence in the success of this mode of influence, only as it is followed up by oral instruction. Combined with preaching, it becomes a powerful auxiliary in the spread of the gospel."

Owing to the protracted absence of Mr. Danforth in village tours and in visiting the other stations, less labor was accomplished at *Gowahati* than in former years. The girls' school, however, has been efficiently sustained, and now numbers thirteen pupils. Their general deportment has been highly exemplary. Some are ornaments to the mission church. One has been baptized the past year. Two other converts have also been added to the church. The attendance at a day school for lads has varied from twenty-five to forty.

Printing Department. — The report of the superintendent, submitted at the late annual meeting of the mission, embraces a review of the operations of the press for the past six years, during which period there were printed 74,300 copies of books of Scriptures and tracts, including the second and third editions of the New Testament entire, amounting to 4,954,850 pages,—42,775 pages, or 1,150 *extra* copies, of works, for the use of the mission, printed for government schools and individuals, and 517,600 pages of a monthly paper. The number of pages previously reported, was 2,860,500. Total from the beginning, 8,375,725. (See table on the opposite page.) Of the New Testament, the first edition was issued in separate books, in the order of preparation; the second, in 12mo, consisted of only 300 copies. Of the third edition, printed in 1850 in 8vo, the number of copies was 2000,—500 to be bound in parts, and 500 with Psalms.

The most important works executed the past year are a series of twelve juvenile tracts, translated by Mrs. Brown, from Bengali or English, a geography of Asia with maps and illustrations, and a reprint of the Second Catechism, with three additional tracts, amounting in the aggregate to 27,000 copies, or 820,000 pages. The Orunodoi has also been issued at the close of every month, both in newspaper and magazine form, (of the latter, 1,000 copies.) About half of the magazine has been occupied with geographical articles and a translation of Pilgrim's Progress. During the absence of Mr. Cutter, the superintendence of the press devolving on Mr. Brown, less progress has been made in the work of translation. Some time has been devoted to Psalms and Genesis. Mr. Brown has also been engaged in revisions of the New Testament, preparatory to a fourth edition.

Annual Meeting. — A meeting of great interest was held at Sibsagor in October last, attended by all the members of the mission, (by request of the Executive Committee,) with a view to an extended consideration of the state of the mission, with the relations and claims of its various departments, and the adoption of such measures and plans as would best promise to secure the most effective prosecution of the objects for which it was founded. The proceedings of the meetings, and the results so far as attained, are all that were anticipated. The greatest harmony pervaded the session; and the culture of mutual confidence and of oneness of sentiment which it promoted, would alone have been an ample equivalent for the time and labor consumed in it. Union of counsels tends also to wise conclusions, and to consistency and permanency of operations.

Among the subjects which commanded the attention of the meeting, were, The preëminent importance of the work of *preaching*, in which the missionaries express their "full concurrence" with the instructions of the Executive Committee, The distribution of labor at the stations and in itineracies, The employing of native assistants, including their appointment and supervision, The Nowgong Orphan Institution, Boarding schools for girls at Sibsagor and Gowahati, Village schools, Printing and publications, Compounds and buildings, New Stations, &c., &c. The opportunity was improved for consummating various important measures. The three branch churches connected with the mission, were constituted into separate churches, and afterwards organized into an association.

STATEMENT OF PRINTING

EXECUTED AT THE AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSION PRESS, SIBSAGOR, FROM JANUARY 1, 1846, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1851.

Year.	Title of Work.	Language.	Ed.	Size.	Pages.	No. Copies.	Total Pages.
1846	Report of Assam Mission,	English,	1	12mo.,	40	500	20,000
1846	Sheet Almanac,	Assamese,	1	4to.,	1	600	600
1846	Ephesians,	Assamese,	1	12mo.,	16	2,000	32,000
1846	Second Catechism,	Assamese,	1	12mo.,	30	1,000	30,000
1846	Discovery of America,	Assamese,	1	18mo.,	18	600	10,800
1846	{ Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians } { and Thessalonians,	Assamese,	1	12mo.,	52	2,000	104,000
1846	Fables,	Assamese,	1	12mo.,	24	1,000	24,000
1846	Treatment of Cholera,	English,	1	18mo.,	8	200	1,600
1846	Worcester's Primer,	English,	1	16mo.,	66	1,000	66,000
1846	Scripture Lessons,	English,	1	18mo.,	124	400	49,600
1847	Hymns : Second Part,	Assamese,	1	18mo.,	73	1,200	87,600
1847	Henry and his Bearer,	Assamese,	1	18mo.,	88	1,000	88,000
1847	Revelation,	Assamese,	1	12mo.,	52	1,500	78,000
1847	Letter to Mohammedans,	Assamese,	1	12mo.,	27	1,000	27,000
1847	Two Sermons and Appendix,	Assamese,	1	8vo.,	70	400	63,000
1847	Pastoral Letters,	Assamese,	1	12mo.,	4	300	1,200
1847	Second Catechism,	Assamese,	2	12mo.,	30	600	1,800
1847	Tunes,	Assamese,	1	8vo.,	8	300	2,400
1847	Rep. Orph. Inst. and other Schools, ..	English,	1	12mo.,	36	400	14,400
1847	Luke,	Assamese,	1	12mo.,	109	3,000	327,000
1847	Circular : Orphan Institution,	English,	1	4to.,	2	100	200
1847	Multiplication Table,	Assamese,	1	8vo.,	1	500	500
1848	History of Joseph,	Assamese,	2	18mo.,	52	2,000	104,000
1848	Mother and Daughter,	Assamese,	1	18mo.,	24	1,000	24,000
1848	Grammatical Notices,	English and Assamese, ..	1	8vo.,	108	150	15,900
1848	1 Corinthians to end of Galatians, ...	Assamese,	1	12mo.,	88	300	26,400
1848	1 Timothy to Jude,	Assamese,	1	12mo.,	106	300	31,800
1848	Religious Address, (large type,)	Assamese,	4	12mo.,	12	1,000	12,000
1848	First Catechism, (large type,)	Assamese,	6	16mo.,	18	2,000	36,000
1848	Circular, (Gowahati Female School,) ..	English,	1	12mo.,	4	50	200
1848	Four Gospels and Acts,	Assamese,	2	12mo.,	450	500	225,000
1848	Luke,	Assamese,	2	12mo.,	108	1,200	124,800
1849	Acts,	Assamese,	2	12mo.,	102	1,200	122,400
1849	New Testament,	Assamese,	2	12mo.,	782	300	234,600
1849	Sermon on the Mount,	Assamese,	2	18mo.,	20	2,000	40,000
1849	Alphabet and Spelling,	Assamese,	2	16mo.,	16	2,000	32,000
1849	Comparative Vocabulary,	English,	1	8vo.,	17	50	850
1849	Phrases,	Assamese and Dhekeri, ..	1	8vo.,	4	200	800
1849	First Catechism,	Assamese,	7	16mo.,	16	5,000	90,000
1849	New Testament,	Assamese,	3	8vo.,	630	2,000	1,260,000
1850	Obituary Notice of Rev. C. Barker, ..	Assamese,	1	18mo.,	28	1,000	28,000
1850	Hymn Book,	Assamese,	2	18mo.,	214	3,000	642,000
1850	Lines for Music for Hymn Book,	Assamese,	1	18mo.,	210	50	10,500
1850	Primer,	Assamese,	1	16mo.,	22	2,000	44,000
JUVENILE TRACTS.							
1850	Beautiful Garment,	Assamese,	1	32mo.,	18	1,500	27,000
1850	African Prince,	Assamese,	1	32mo.,	18	1,500	27,000
1850	Old Saul,	Assamese,	1	32mo.,	18	1,500	27,000
1850	Warrior Chief,	Assamese,	1	32mo.,	18	1,500	27,000
1850	Memoir of Hube,	Assamese,	1	32mo.,	22	1,500	33,000
1850	Account of Ramgoti,	Assamese,	1	32mo.,	22	1,500	33,000
1850	Account of Rebi,	Assamese,	1	32mo.,	22	1,500	33,000
1850	The Pious Villager,	Assamese,	1	32mo.,	22	1,500	33,000
1851	Account of Rajon,	Assamese,	1	32mo.,	18	1,500	27,000
1851	Early Piety,	Assamese,	1	32mo.,	22	1,500	33,000
1851	The Orphan Girl,	Assamese,	1	32mo.,	22	1,500	33,000
1851	The Eagle's Nest,	Assamese,	1	32mo.,	18	1,500	27,000
1851	Table : Languages,	Assamese,	1	12mo.,	4	25	100
1851	Vocables,	English and Assamese, ..	1	12mo.,	16	25	400
1851	Second Catechism,	Assamese,	3	16mo.,	70	2,000	140,000
1851	Pundit and Preacher,	Assamese,	1	12mo.,	56	2,000	102,000
1851	Way of Salvation,	Assamese,	1	12mo.,	18	2,000	36,000
1851	Error Refuted,	Assamese,	1	12mo.,	18	2,000	36,000
1851	Geography of Asia,	Assamese,	1	12mo.,	146	1,000	146,000
						74,300	4,954,850

Of works which have been printed for the Government Schools, and for individuals, the number of copies mentioned below were printed as extra for the use of the Mission :

Observation on the Garos,	English,	1	8vo.,	24	25	600	
Mr. Elliot's Report on the Garos,	English,	1	8vo.,	28	25	700	
Mr. Sisson's Report on the Garos,	English,	1	8vo.,	38	25	950	
Instructions of Court of Directors,	English,	1	8vo.,	12	25	300	
Relations with Angami Nagas,	English,	1	8vo.,	27	25	675	
Garó Primer,	Garó,	1	16mo.,	16	25	200	
Garó Reader,	Garó,	1	8vo.,	56	25	1,400	
Easy Reading Lessons,	Bengali,	3	12mo.,	42	250	10,500	
Bengali Primer,	Bengali,	4	16mo.,	12	250	3,000	
Land Surveying,	Bengali,	1	8vo.,	38	150	5,700	
Vocabulary and Phrases,	Bengali and Khamti,	1	12mo.,	35	150	6,750	
Scripture Catechism,	English,	1	18mo.,	20	125	2,500	
Vocabulary and Phrases,	English, Miri and Abor,	1	12mo.,	90	50	9,500	
					1,150	42,775	
Orunodoi Newspaper, 55 numbers, up to December, 1850, and six extra pages, making 222 pages folio, 600 copies,							133,200
Nine numbers in 1851, 400 copies,							14,400
Magazine form, 55 numbers, up to December, 1850, with title page and index, and two extra pages, royal octavo size, 452 pages, 500 copies, making pages,							226,000
Nine numbers in 1851, royal octavo, 1,000 copies,							144,000
Total pages,						5,515,225	
Reported previously to 1846,						2,800,500	
Whole number from the beginning,						8,375,725	

Mr. Dauble was ordained to the ministry by the imposition of hands; and seven native assistants, including two already in service, were set apart to missionary labor, and assigned their respective fields.

The aspect of the mission is on every side cheering, and the only abatement to the satisfaction with which it is regarded, is the inability of the Committee to occupy at present the additional stations recommended by the meeting, so as to form a *continuous* line of missionary posts along the banks of the Brahmaputra.

MISSION TO THE TELOOGOOS.

NELLORE.—Rev. Messrs. S. S. Day and L. Jewett, and their wives.

One station; two missionaries, and two female assistants; three native assistants.

Mrs. Day, at present, resides in this country.

The work of this mission has been considerably interrupted during the past year by illness. Mr. Day was laid aside from his labors about three months by a sickness which for a time left but faint hope that his life and usefulness would be continued, but he has been mercifully raised up and enabled to resume his accustomed ministry. Mr. and Mrs. Jewett were absent two months, the state of Mrs. J.'s health being regarded as critical. They were enabled however to return, the apprehensions that had been excited in her case being happily averted, to engage with invigorated health in their arduous but loved labors.*

Religious Services.—There has been preaching at the chapel in Nellore twice every Sabbath. The attendance is fluctuating, ranging from forty to 150. Daily morning prayer has also been attended at the chapel, to which strangers have been frequently attracted, and have there listened with attention to familiar expositions of the word of God, and carried away tracts and portions of Scripture. A weekly prayer meeting for native women was conducted by Mrs. Jewett till her illness suspended it, and a general prayer meeting was maintained by the missionaries from January to April, when it was interrupted by a like cause. The attendants on public worship listen with apparent interest to the truth, and though they do not immediately yield to its claims, it plainly is not without effect on their minds.

Street preaching has been practised as far as the circumstances of the mission would admit, and considerable audiences have been gathered. The brahmins frequently interrupt these services, and it is not easy to gain a quiet hearing; but strangers, who might not otherwise be brought into contact with the mission, gain in this way some notion of its design and of the doctrines of Christianity. They also receive and carry into the country portions of Scripture and other books. Many, too, are drawn to the mission house for further inquiry, where they can be instructed in a more undisturbed and satisfactory manner. With all its drawbacks, therefore, preaching in the streets and market places is regarded as a means of usefulness more valuable than its immediate results

* The mission express their obligations to the liberality of Daniel White, Esq., Collector of the Nellore district, by whom Mr. and Mrs. Jewett were invited to visit Coromandel, an eligible sanitarium, at his own sole expense.

might seem to indicate. The instruction of visitors at the mission house is among the most interesting species of labor within the scope of the mission. As it is the direct application of Christian truth, not to unwilling or half-willing hearers, but to those who have come for the purpose of inquiring into the doctrines of the missionaries, it affords them the opportunity of doing their work more intelligently and effectually than in almost any other way; and the word is received, always with respectful attention, often with vivid interest. Persons thus addressed are also prepared to read with greater profit the books which they receive. One man has come repeatedly, and brought with him his relatives and neighbors. He has informed the missionaries that a dozen people in his village daily read Christian books.

Itineracy.—The people of the villages thickly scattered through the country, afford a more hopeful class of hearers than those of Nellore; and the itinerant labors of the mission, if not exhibiting results as definite and immediately satisfactory as are desired, are yet effective means of communicating the truth to great numbers, in whose minds it has less prejudice to encounter than in the inhabitants of large towns. One of these tours was made by Mr. Jewett to Sungam, twenty miles up the Pennaar river, a district visited by him the previous year. He now found proof that his instructions then communicated were not forgotten. The people thronged to hear the word, many admitted the excellence of Christianity, and it was abundantly manifest that the truth is undermining the fabric of idolatry in that region. Mr. Day, in an excursion to the Oodighery Hills, distributed Scriptures and tracts, and preached the gospel in numerous villages where it was never before heard. With some opposition, he found much to encourage effort for that hitherto neglected people. At two or three of the greater festivals, attempts were made to communicate some knowledge of Christianity to the multitudes assembled,—of whom the greater part are scattered over a territory that will not be evangelized during the present generation, unless the agencies now employed for that purpose are multiplied many fold. But though laboring unceasingly to this end, by preaching, and by tract and bible distribution, the inadequacy of means to effect any appreciable result on so wide a field, is discouraging. It is like attempting to produce a harvest for the perishing “by throwing a few drops of water on fields parched by a summer’s drought.”

Native Assistants.—In addition to Venkappa, the native assistant heretofore employed by the mission, two colporteurs have been employed, one to distribute tracts, and one to circulate, read and expound the Scriptures in the villages. These assistants, though not able to work alone, and needing the supervision of missionaries in their evangelical efforts, are yet able to accomplish much that is out of the power of any other laborers. The climate, which is so oppressive that foreign missionaries can work with safety only in the cool of morning and evening, does not suspend *their* activity. They can accomplish much at a slight expense, and their service the past year has been valuable and efficient.

Bible and Tract Distribution.—Beside the labors performed in this department by the missionaries, both at the chapel and in itineracies, one of the colporteurs just alluded to, James Kay, was employed by the mission in August, 1850, at the charge of the Madras Auxiliary Bible

Society, to labor in the Nellore district. During the first four months he visited 20 villages, read 127 chapters in the hearing of 3,435 persons, and gave away 665 portions of Scripture. During the year ending Sept. 30, 1851, he gave away 2,494 portions of Scripture. As many in every village cannot read, but are willing to hear, an important part of his work consisted in reading and exposition. With few and trifling exceptions he met with a favorable reception, and found convincing proofs that the influence of Christianity is beginning to be extensively felt.

Christian Nursoo, the other colporteur, has travelled in company with James, for tract distribution. He was employed in March, and up to Sept. 30 had given away 13,700 tracts. He often met persons with some knowledge of Christianity, who asked for particular tracts with which they were acquainted; others asked for a number to carry to their friends in distant villages;—requests which seemed to justify the large distribution he made.

Boarding School.—The boarding school, in charge of Mrs. Jewett, has had during the year an average of thirteen boarding and nine day scholars. During the first half of the year it was highly prosperous. The pupils made good progress in their studies and in their knowledge of divine truth. But in February (1851), a girl from the lowest grade of society, who had attained the highest standing in her class and given satisfactory evidence of piety, desiring baptism, her mother secretly enticed her to leave the school, and others were moved to withdraw their children, by which six of the most promising scholars were lost. Their places were soon filled, however, one of them returned, and finally the first named, repenting of her departure, induced her mother to restore her to the school, with leave to continue there for the full term of five years. A new boarding house has been erected, fifty by sixteen feet, on a plan to be enlarged when the exigencies of the school demand it. For this object 480 rupees were contributed by the European residents, and fifteen rupees, four annas, by the native Christians; which covers the whole expense of the building, outhouses, and their enclosing with a neat wall.

Results.—In view of the fewness of laborers, the extent of the field, and the interruptions by disease that have so seriously checked continuous effort, it is a matter of congratulation and devout gratitude that the mission have not labored in vain. One convert, a woman of cultivated mind, whose husband was baptized in 1840, and who had been violently opposed to Christianity, having given good evidence that she was renewed in the spirit of her mind, was baptized in March, 1851. A member of the boarding school, just mentioned, was desirous of receiving the ordinance at the same time, but was induced temporarily to withdraw from the school by the persuasion of her heathen relatives. As she has returned, it may be hoped that she will soon be openly numbered with the little flock of Christians. A Mussulman inquirer, of great promise, has constantly visited the mission house. He appears to be thoroughly convinced of the truth of Christianity, and is believed to be not far from the kingdom of God.

Were these conversions the sole positive result of the year's operations, they would not be deemed of small account. But they are a part,

and, in certain aspects, perhaps not the chief part, of what has been done for the Teloogoos. A knowledge of the leading truths, a perception of the claims of Christianity, has been gained by large numbers of the people. Prejudice has been mitigated. Confidence in idolatry and veneration for the brahmins have yielded to the force of intelligent conviction. The evidence of this is too striking to be overlooked; and it is a fact which at once encourages and warns. It gives strength to the faint, and should summon helpers to quicken and mature the process that has been so successfully begun.

The mission has access to a people better prepared for evangelical labor than almost any other in India,—to a region of country where, until within ten or twelve years, idolatry had been long discouraged by Mohammedan rulers. Within these few years it has come under the rule of the East India Company, which naturally abandoned the intolerant policy of the Mussulmans. But the long enfeebled power of caste and of the priesthood has not fully recovered its ancient sway over the people. More could be *now* accomplished, so far as human agency is concerned, than may long be possible if the effort is delayed. The native mind is in a transitional state, revolting from the absurdities and abominations of the current superstition, but imperfectly apprehending those spiritual truths which should supplant them. If they have not the gospel, they may be expected to become the prey of a more refined superstition or a mocking scepticism. At such a time too much cannot be done to bring them into the unclouded and unrefracted light of the gospel.

AFRICAN MISSION.

MISSION TO THE BASSAS.

BEXLEY.—*J. Vonbrunn*, native preacher. Two other native assistants.

LITTLE BASSA.—*L. Kong Crocker*, native assistant.

In this country, *Mrs. M. B. Crocker* and *Mrs. L. G. Clarke*.

Two stations; two female assistants; four native assistants.

Under the care of the native assistants this mission holds on its way, and though feeble is carrying forward the work entrusted to it. The native brethren are believed to be faithfully and judiciously laboring, according to the measure of their ability, for the salvation of their countrymen. The schools are still maintained; the pupils—number not reported—making good progress in the ordinary branches of education. The church has received one member by baptism, and lost one by death.

The Committee are happy to state that one of the missionaries under appointment is designated to Africa, and will go out as soon as a colleague shall be secured. It is hoped, therefore, that before the close of the year this long neglected, but not forsaken, mission will be reinforced.

EUROPEAN MISSIONS.

The review of the European missions for the past year will embody to some extent results of the late visit of the Foreign Secretary to France and Germany, as communicated on his return. By direction of the Committee he left this country in July, returning in November after an absence of about four months. "A large portion of this period was necessarily consumed in passages by sea and in journeying from station to station separate one from another some hundreds of miles. Sufficient time, however, remained for protracted consultations with brethren occupying those stations, and for obtaining some insight into their position and manner of working, as also the results of their labors, and their plans and hopes for the future. Every possible facility was cordially given by our missionary brethren, and their hospitality and kindness knew no bounds."

MISSION TO FRANCE.

Northern Department.

DOUAI (*Nord*).—Rev. E. WILLARD, Mrs. WILLARD. *R. Flamant*, assistant.

DENAIN (*Nord*).—Rev. J. Thieffry; *A. Faulin*, assistant.

CHERY, ATHIES, CRECY, &c.—*L. Lefèvre*, assistant.

LAFERE, SERVAIS, ROUY, MAYOT, &c.—Rev. I. Foulon; *P. Ledouble*, assistant.

CHAUNY, GENLIS, BETHANCOURT, SINCENY, &c.—Rev. V. Lepoids; *E. Doumin*, *C. J. Louwet*, assistants.

VERBERIE, MEAUX, &c. (*Oise*).—Rev. J. B. Cretin; *S. Besin*, assistant.

PARIS.—

Connected with the above are more than fifty places for stated preaching.

South Eastern Department.

LYONS.—Rev. T. T. DEVAN, Mrs. DEVAN. Rev. *L. Martin*; *C. Lefèvre*, *P. Milliet*, — *Boyer*, assistants.

ST. ETIENNE.—Rev. *C. Gayer*; — *Bertrand*, — *Boyer*, *S. Millaud*, assistants.

FEURS.—

ANSE.—Rev. *A. Berthond*.

Eleven stations; eight or more outstations; two missionaries and two female assistants; seven ordained preachers and thirteen other native assistants.

In the *northern department* various untoward influences have befallen the work the past year, such as the pastoral destitution of the church at Paris, the continued illness of Mr. Crétin now happily convalescent, embarrassments in the Chauny church connected with the sanctification of the Sabbath, and the absence of Mr. Thieffry from his appointed field. "Persecution, oppression, official interference, have been familiar as household terms." "Yet the Lord has not forsaken us," adds the missionary, "our hearts are yet whole. Let not *your* hearts faint, then, on our account, but pray for us, and do what you can. The time will come when others will gather in with rejoicing the fruits of what we are now sowing in many tears and in much tribulation."

The Foreign Secretary visited this portion of the field near the close of July. "By the judicious arrangements of Mr. Willard, he was enabled to make the personal acquaintance of all the native assistants under his

superintendence, and to visit many of them at their homes or posts of labor. The greater part are stationed in the valley of the Oise and Aisne. The pastors in this section, Messrs. Crétin, Lepoids, and Foulon, reside respectively at Verberie, Chauny, and Lafère, where also they bestow no inconsiderable part of their ministry. A fourth district is occupied by the evangelist Lefèvre, embracing Chéry, Athies, Crècy, &c. These districts are of various extent. That of Mr. Lefèvre, which lies northeasterly of the rest, includes, besides the three villages already named, five others which are statedly visited. The Lafère district, including Servais from which the church derives its name, has, in all, thirteen posts at which the gospel is preached with more or less frequency, distant from Lafère one to six or eight miles. To the south-west, on the river Oise and extending southerly to the Aisne, is Chauny district, numbering about twenty places of stated visitation. The area is correspondently large, extending nearly twenty miles north and south and half as many in width. The southernmost district, that of Verberie, extends to Villers and Mortefontaine on the south, and at one time numbered, besides Verberie, twelve outstations.

“ With regard to the character of this field, and its promise to reward faithful culture ;—the population is dense and readily accessible, the more than fifty preaching places are at short removes from each other, of from one to three or four miles,—and as many more villages and hamlets might as easily be occupied ;—the people, as compared with other portions of France, are moral and intelligent, and being chiefly agricultural, are mostly separate from extraneous influences ; their interest is already awakened in regard to evangelical preaching ; it is not difficult to gather large assemblies, some parts of the valley having been occupied by evangelists these ten or fifteen years ; above all, during the last five years the Spirit of God has been manifestly present, and still continues to bless His word to the conviction and conversion of some of the hearers ; churches have been established and houses of worship erected, now frequented by regular congregations ; the number of converts, to which yearly accessions are made, already exceeds 150. The hindrances to evangelization from papal or state opposition are not more serious in this valley than elsewhere, nor more difficult to overcome.

“ The same remarks are in a measure applicable to the more northern section of France, where Denain church is situated ; and preëminently to Paris. No where in France are the people more intelligent or more easy of access than at its capital, or more free from the domination of the priesthood and from civil annoyance in spiritual affairs ; and no where is there a more general, not to say utter, destitution of the power and even the form of the Christian religion. On the other hand, the appliances for reform are exceedingly few and impotent. Combined, they are almost lost in the overshadowing influences for evil.”

Of the efficiency of the native laborers and their claims to the confidence and support of the Missionary Union, abundant testimony has been given in past communications of Mr. Willard. The report of the Foreign Secretary is concurrent, and expresses “ the deep gratification derived from being several days in their company, conversing with them, uniting in their devotions social and public, listening to their dispensations of divine truth, and witnessing their modest yet resolute and whole-

hearted devotedness to the ministry to which they had been called." "Crétin, Lepoids, Foulon, Besin, Ledouble, Louvet, Doumin, Lefèvre,—nor must Thieffry be omitted, one of the earliest employed, nor Faulin the last introduced to the service,—are evidently men who understand their work and are intent to do it.

"Four are pastors, set apart by the imposition of hands, the rest are evangelists, but not empowered to administer the ordinances. No one was found to be at the moment exclusively devoted to bible and tract distribution. The existing laws not only require the procuring of an 'authorization' involving expense, but put into the hands of local magistrates the power to revoke such authorization at pleasure, a power very liable to be exercised capriciously or from priestly instigation, and from which there is no appeal."

Douai School for Assistants.—"The object of chief interest at Douai was the school for native preachers. The pupils, now numbering four, one of them an assistant in the literary department, are young men of good native endowments, eager for knowledge, and of apparently sincere and ardent piety. They have been connected with the school for different periods with occasional interruptions, and have each his own cast of character, but all bear in common the marks of assiduous culture. In devotional exercises they were fluent and fervent, and their whole deportment was such as becomes candidates for the ministerial office.

"The duties connected with this institution have engrossed necessarily a large share of Mr. Willard's time and attention. The studies have been various in kind, having regard both to literary and theological training, and have demanded on the part of the teacher thorough and exact preparation. This preparation appears to have been uniformly and as a matter of inviolable obligation, made. More especially in the critical interpretation of the Scriptures, and not excepting the duties belonging to the pastoral office and the constituting and upbuilding of Christian churches, the teacher, it is believed, has bestowed the most praiseworthy diligence and with no ordinary tact and skill. Mr. Willard is a thorough scholar, well versed in the science of biblical interpretation, sound in the great doctrines of the gospel and in his views of church order as held by American Baptists, apt to teach, a rigid disciplinarian, and intimately familiar, from long experience and careful observation, with the peculiarities of the French character."

The Committee had taken measures, prior to the above-mentioned visit, to provide Mr. Willard, agreeably to his request, with an associate teacher. Nothing that came under observation at Douai, tended to disparage the importance of such a movement, provided the school for assistants be continued. "Although the present force might suffice to keep the mission *as it is*, a few years longer, it is not adequate to bear it onward with that measure of prosperity which seems to be proffered to it; and at the end, by withholding the required aid, we should incur serious hazard of losing what we had gained. The strength of Mr. Willard has been overtasked. The labors imposed by his office as teacher might alone furnish abundant employment. The laboriousness of that office is not materially affected by the comparative number or fewness of the pupils. In addition to these labors, he has had charge of the Douai church and the general superintendence of the pastors and churches of the

Northern French Mission. As a necessary consequence, he has been compelled to balance their claims, and as the least evil, has accomplished less in the way of direct preaching than he would have judged it indispensable to undertake in other circumstances and less burdened by other labors. An associate missionary might not only assist in teaching, but still more advantageously supply this lack of out-door labor among the people. By such associated efforts, together with the reflex influence of fraternal coöperation and sympathy, the usefulness of the position might be more than doubled, while provision would also be made against the liability of its being vacated by sickness or death. It is ever to be borne in mind that years are required to fit a new missionary for his highest usefulness; and to defer sending him forth till his services are most needed, if not compelled by necessity, is supreme folly."

The expediency of removing the school from Douai to some location nearer to the principal field of our operations, has been a subject of consultation with the Committee, and the arrangement will take effect, Providence permitting, in the course of the present year. "Douai is at an inconvenient distance, which tends to restrict intercourse between the missionary and the assistants and churches, and subjects what there is to an undue expenditure of time and money. There is nothing of moment adverse to such a removal, the mission family cordially concurring. The place can be retained as an outstation, if judged advisable, and in any event the sacrifice will be more than counterbalanced by the gain." *

The subjoined table shows the changes that have occurred in the churches during the past year (ending Dec. 31,) and the present number of members.

CHURCHES, BAPTISMS, &c., IN NORTHERN DEPARTMENT, 1851.

CHURCHES.	Places for Visiting or Preaching.	Baptized.	Added by letter, or restored.	Dismissed.	Emigrated.	Died.	Excluded.	Present number.	Candidates for Baptism.	Well disposed.
Douai, . . . . .	...	2	2	...	1	1	...	19	...	...
Denain, . . . . .	...	3	...	1	...	...	3	21	...	...
Chauny,	20	14	5	...	6	2	...	85	25	75
Verberie,	9	1	...	...	1	...	1	28	...	...
Paris, . . . . .	...	8	6	1	...	1	1	15	...	...
Lafre,	12	16	...	1	3	...	...	47	17	...
Chéry,	12	3	...	...	...	...	1	23	7	35
Totals, 7	53	47	13	3	11	4	6	233	49	110

In the *southeastern department*, the church at Lyons has been greatly blessed, commencing the year with but seven members, and receiving during its later months an accession of forty-five, of whom forty-one were added by baptism. Ten have been dismissed to other churches, and one

* Two or three locations have been suggested, St. Quentin and Verberie or Compiègne, one in the northern and the two latter in the southern part of the valley of the Oise. The latter have the advantage of nearer proximity to the greater number of the churches and especially to that in Paris. This section of the field needs also additional laborers, some of the outstations, though of inviting promise, being inadequately sustained.

excluded ; making the number of its members at the close of the year, forty-one. During the greater part of the year the pastoral charge was held exclusively by Dr. Devan. In November, M. Martin was ordained associate pastor to perform the public religious services, Dr. Devan retiring for prudential considerations from all prominence except in the business meetings and affairs of the church. A feeling of hostility prevails abroad against this evangelical effort, which would undoubtedly break out in personal violence, were a fitting occasion to present.

The Foreign Secretary visited this church in August. At that time "Dr. Devan was prosecuting his work with all diligence and hopefulness, not unmingled with a painful sense of the difficulties of his position, and the liability there was to reverse and disaster. Hitherto his labors had been singularly prospered. The ensuing Sabbath would be the first anniversary of the organization of the Lyons Baptist church, originally composed of four members, and already it had received on profession of faith an accession of twenty-five. By a coincidence of circumstances that signally disclosed the favoring hand of Providence, he had secured the liberty of opening a place of religious worship, of convenient access and size ; and a regular congregation had been gathered, of believers and others, which was increasing continually. The house had been provided with suitable fixtures, including a pulpit and a baptistry of ample dimensions, and the ordinances of the gospel had been repeatedly and orderly administered. For some time previous not a month had passed in which accessions had not been made to the church, and all the while there were other and hopeful inquirers. On the anniversary Sabbath the public services were conducted as usual with entire freedom, and without unseemly interruption either from individuals or the civil authorities. The congregation had all the appearance of interested and devout worshippers. About sixty were present, and the attendance is said to have increased since then to a hundred.

"Some inquiries were addressed to Dr. Devan, suggested by this rapidity of growth, in regard to its healthfulness and the sources from which it was derived. The utmost care, it was said in reply, had been constantly aimed at in the admission of members, extending not only to the internal evidences of conversion to God, but to blamelessness of life and disinterestedness of motives. This care was exercised first through the agency of the church and of the native assistant, but also involved personal investigation by the missionary. A considerable portion of those received had been hopefully pious for years, and some had been connected with other communions. These last had sought admission to the church in consequence of no partisan movement. It was a rule of the mission, invariably adhered to, to make no *attempts* at proselytism from other Protestant communions. When sought after and questioned, Dr. Devan did not consider himself at liberty to withhold—and he so counselled his assistants—what of light and truth it was in his or their power to give. But his uniform aim had been to cultivate unoccupied ground, and to gather whereon no others had sown.

"To the thorough devotedness of Dr. Devan to his missionary calling, everything connected with the mission at Lyons bore ample testimony. His whole heart seemed absorbed in his work. He felt the responsibility of his position deeply, even painfully. There were per-

plexing embarrassments. He was earnest to receive counsel, and felt the need of Christian sympathy and encouragement.”*

The stations connected with the Lyons department have shared a correspondent measure of prosperity mingled with trial. The church at St. Etienne has had to contend with difficulties both from without and within. “*Irvingism* and *Plymouthism* have done their utmost to recruit their ranks by drawing off weak members, and Romanism has thundered her anathemas from the pulpit. Even Protestant brethren have calumniated and ridiculed without mercy. Many of the members have been turned out of employment, because of their determination to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. And, as though all this were not enough to satisfy the adversary of souls, some have fallen beneath the power of temptation into open and flagrant sin. Yet the good will ‘of Him that dwelt in the bush’ has never failed. And the church, instead of being consumed, has borne fruit to the glory of the Redeemer.” (Report of Dr. D.)

The number of members connected with the St. Etienne church, at the close of the year was forty-nine. Baptized during the year, thirty-five. Sixteen had been dismissed; including twelve to constitute a distinct church at Feurs.

The church at Feurs, organized in May, 1851, is supplied from the St. Etienne church with preaching the first and third Lord’s days in every month, sharing also the supervision of the St. Etienne pastor; but it needs urgently a pastor of its own. It is situated about twenty-five miles north of St. Etienne, and to the southwest of Lyons about seventy. What increases the urgency of its need, is its connection with Panissières, a neighboring outstation, where there are evident marks of the operation of God’s Spirit. The inhabitants of Panissières are generally independent, though small proprietors, and might soon be able to maintain their own worship. A brother resident there has already built an addition to his *own* house with a view to its dedication as a chapel for the preaching of the gospel without charge.

The church at Anse, about seventeen miles from Lyons was organized with eleven members, mostly from Lyons church, and M. Berthond ordained as its pastor, in November last. The field is moderately encouraging. Three have been added by baptism since the constitution of the church, making its whole number fourteen. The authorities have exercised a very careful *surveillance* over the work, and seem disposed to withstand it. The police have searched the pastor’s house, in expectation of finding occasion against him. In a neighboring town, whither he had gone to proclaim the gospel, attempts were made to apprehend and imprison him. Other Christian brethren have been arrested. One, a colporteur, having offered a New Testament for sale, has been condemned to several months’ imprisonment. A second has been incarcerated for meeting with friends in a private room “to read the word of the Lord, to pray, and to sing his praises.” Of two others, soldiers in garrison, papers have been seized, and their bibles taken from them. “A brother and sister from P. and R. are in great sorrow,” writes one, “for

* In consequence of a failure of the notification forwarded to Dr. Devan, no arrangement had been made for a general meeting of the Secretary with the assistants, and the time appropriated was too brief to allow him to visit the annexed stations.

some of them have been cruelly persecuted by the papists, who extend their wicked treatment even to the brethren's little children, two or three years old." The people generally are more favorably disposed. "The inhabitants of R. desire to have the gospel published among them, and are inclined to draw up a petition for its authorization. Some of the inhabitants of P. would gladly listen to the good news of salvation." The following table gives the changes and present number of members in the churches in this department.

CHURCHES, BAPTISMS, &c., IN SOUTH-EASTERN DEPARTMENT, 1851.

CONSTITUTED.	CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Received by experience.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Whole number.
August, 1850,	Lyons,	41	2	2	10	1	41
April, 1849,	St. Etienne,	35	3	.....	16	7	49
May, 1851,	Feurs, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	10
November, 1851,	Anse,	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	14
Total, . . . . .	.....	79	5	2	28	8	114

The churches have contributed for rents, support of the poor, &c., exclusive of foreign aid, as follows:—Lyons church, frs. 157, 75 centimes; St. Etienne church, frs. 370, 30 centimes; Feurs church, frs. 100. Total, frs. 628, 5 centimes.

Since the preparation of the above notices, intelligence has been received which throws a more portentous shade over our French mission. By a decree of March 25, the President has reenacted articles 291, 292 and 294 of the penal code, and articles 1, 2 and 3 of the law of April 10, 1834. These prohibit any meeting of more than twenty persons for any purpose, political, literary or religious, without license by the government, revocable at any time. No association can evade the decree by dividing into smaller ones, as such division is disregarded by the law. No person can open his house for even an authorized meeting, without license. And all persons, parties or accessories to the forming, or assembling, of unauthorized meetings, are subject to a fine and imprisonment. The churches are thus placed at the mercy of the police; the police are moved by the minister at Paris: the minister is the mere agent of the President; and the President is in close league with the Romish clergy. There are indications that this decree will not be a dead letter. "Nothing of this kind," says —, "nor any other, happens or can happen without the permission of the Almighty, and all things are at his disposal. This is a wonderfully consoling thought. But the torments, vexations and losses of the persecuted saints are of a less consoling character so far as the flesh is concerned. In the plenitude of your blessings and liberties, think and pray for us."

MISSION TO GERMANY.

HAMBURG.—Rev. Messrs. J. G. ONCKEN, C. SCHAUFFLER, JR., J. Köbner, — *Lords.*—Outstations, *Lubeck, Elmshorn, Boitzenburg, Oldenburg in Holstein, Tangstedt, Ludwigslust, &c.*

BREMEN.

OLDENBURG.—(Grand Duchy of Oldenburg.)

JEYER. (Grand Duchy of Oldenburg.)—Rev. A. F. Remmers.

HALSBECK. (Grand Duchy of Oldenburg.)—Rev. — *Bohlken.*

ELMBECK. (Hanover.)—Rev. C. Steinhoff.

OTHFRESEN. (Hanover.)—Rev. J. H. Sander.

IHREN. (Hanover.)—*Leer, &c.*—Rev. J. L. Hinrichs.

WITTINGEN. (Hanover.)—Rev. — *Wilkins.*

ROSSGARTEN.

SPANGENBERG.

CASSEL. (Hesse.)

FROHNHAUSEN. (Hesse.)

OFFENBACH. (Hesse.)

HERSFELD. (Hesse.)

BRUCHSAL. (Baden.)

HEILBRONN. (Württemberg.)—*Stuttgart, &c.*—Rev. C. Körner.

ZURICH. (Switzerland.)—*Basle, &c.*

TOGGENBURG. (Switzerland.)—*St. Gall, &c.*

DUSSLINGEN.

GOTTENBURG. (Sweden.)—Rev. B. N. Niellson.

AALBORG. (Denmark.)—Rev. — *Fölkved.*

COPENHAGEN. (Denmark.)

SEELAND. (Denmark.)—Rev. Niels Niellson.

LANGELAND. (Denmark.)—Rev. A. Madsen.

PINNEBERG. (Denmark, *Holstein.*)

BERLIN. (Prussia.)—*Frankfort-on-the-Oder.*—Rev. Messrs. G. W. LEHMANN, — *Metzkau.*

BITTERFELDT. (Prussia.)—Rev. F. C. Werner.

TEMPLIN. (Prussia.)—Rev. C. A. Kemnitz.

STOLZENBERG. (Prussia.)—*Landsberg, &c.*

STETTIN. (Prussia.)—*Reetz.*—Rev. J. A. Gulzau, Rev. — *Wiehler.*

WOLGAST. (Prussia.)—*Lassan, &c.*—Rev. W. Von de Kammer.

RUMMELSBURG. (Prussia.)

ELBING. (Prussia.)—Rev. J. Wiebe.

MEMEL, TILSIT. (Prussia.)—Rev. F. Niemetz, Rev. J. Dörksen.

LIEGNITZ. (Prussia.)

BRESLAU. (Prussia.)—Rev. J. Straube.

VOIGTSDORF. (Prussia.)—Rev. O. Priedemann.

ZACKERICK. (Prussia.)

KLEIN-WERDER. (Prussia.)

Forty stations; twenty-seven native preachers and assistants.

The stations are so called from the locations of churches. Associated with them are nearly three hundred localities at which members are resident, and where public religious services are statedly enjoyed. These are occupied not only by laborers under appointment from the Executive Committee, but by others self-sustained, or supported by separate associations, churches and individuals, who are nevertheless embraced within the operations of the German mission. Thirty-two of

the churches are in Germany, including, beside those of Hamburg and Bremen, three in Oldenburg, four in Hanover, four in Hesse, five in Baden, Württemberg, &c., and fourteen in Prussia. Five, including one in Holstein, are in Denmark, one in Sweden and two in Switzerland. The whole number of members belonging to these churches is 3,881. Baptized the last year, 683.

In the church in Sweden, or rather the four small churches, for the congregations are widely separated from one another, the only laborer has been appointed but recently, in place of his brother who, having been banished from his native country, is stationed in Seeland, Denmark. The former not only visits the stated congregations, but labors to spread the gospel among his countrymen at large. The number of believers, associated in the churches, is fifty-eight.

In Denmark, the church at Aalborg has been agitated by emissaries of Mormonism, and seventy-six who became infected with that heresy have been excluded. Meanwhile the pastor has been greatly honored in the dispensation of the gospel, and eighty-nine have put on Christ in baptism. The church has regained its healthful state, and the progress of the heresy has been stayed. Messrs. Madsen and Niellson, on Langeland and Seeland, are of late appointment. They are approved brethren and pastors of churches, but until now have been prevented by other engagements from devoting themselves wholly to the ministry of the word. Connected with these three churches and pastors, are 520 members, with twenty-nine localities for stated preaching. The church at Copenhagen has fifty-two members, and the one at Pinneberg thirty-six. Total in Denmark, 608.

The missionary at Jever, in the Grand Duchy of Oldenburg, Mr. Remmers, has been greatly encouraged in his labors, the attendance there and at the surrounding stations increasing, and twenty-eight members having been received by baptism. A part of his time only has been given to the work, but an arrangement has been made to secure the whole, so that he may extend his ministrations in some measure throughout the duchy. A preacher is stationed at the capital, Mr. Haese, who is employed by the Northern Association; and Mr. F. Oncken, supported by a number of churches, visits the stations scattered along the Oldenburg side of the Weser. Another laborer is greatly needed for the lowlands between the Jahde and the Weser, where, as in all the duchy, there is an inviting field. It should be noted to the honor of this part of Germany, that it stands out an exception, we had almost said a solitary exception among the German States, to the late general infringing on religious liberty. The number received to the churches in Oldenburg by baptism the past year, was thirty-eight; present number, 205.

At Hamburg, notwithstanding some internal discouragements, especially in the exclusion of twenty-two members, "there has been much to call forth gratitude for God's continued blessing. A spirit of harmony has continued to pervade the church and the fellow-laborers. The weekly meeting of ministers and deacons for prayer and consultation has been marked by concord. The public services have been well attended, and frequently crowded on the Lord's day, and the want of a larger chapel has been frequently felt. The same remarks are applicable to

the public services at Mr. Köbner's house, outside of the city gates (at Altona)." Eighty-one have been added to the church by baptism. The clear increase in 1851, is forty-six. Present number, 535.

The stations connected with Hamburg church, now multiplied to more than thirty, have been regularly supplied with preaching. Efficient help has been rendered in this department by members of the theological school; also by colporteurs of the American and Foreign Bible Society. Tract-loan labors have been well sustained throughout the year, and crowned with success. The Female Missionary Association has not been least in efforts to circulate the Scriptures, and in sustaining other important branches of missionary work. The number of Scriptures circulated in 1851 was —, and of tracts, 500,200.

In the kingdom of Hanover a spirit of persecution has partially revived, "chiefly at the instigation," we are pained to learn, "of Lutheran clergymen." Even men professing to hold evangelical views have not refrained from uttering opprobrious accusations.* In consequence of these injurious representations, in part, the government have assumed an unfriendly attitude. The place of meeting at Eimbeck, recently opened, has been closed; and in other parts of the kingdom our brethren have been subjected to great annoyance. Notwithstanding these gathering difficulties, the brethren have continued their zealous labors, Messrs. Sander, Steinhoff and Wilkens at Othfreesen, Eimbeck and Wittingen respectively; and have extended their ministrations to more than twenty outstations, preaching frequently, so wide the circuit, each at three different places on one day. The whole number of preaching places in Hanover, including Ihren and its outstations, is thirty-seven; number of members 318, of whom were added by baptism, fifty.

In Hesse Cassel the meetings of our brethren have been interdicted, and whenever they assemble they expose themselves to "pains and penalties." Connected with Cassel, Frohnhausen, Hersfeld, and Offenbach churches, are twenty-six places for stated preaching. The number of members is 179, of whom sixteen have been added on profession of their faith within the year.

Further south, in Würtemberg, at Heilbronn and its various outstations, where errors had prevailed to some extent in regard to the ordinances and other matters of faith or practice, there has been a happy reaction in favor of truth and order, leading to a restoration to fellowship. The labors of the pastor, Mr. Körner, extend over a large territory, and the addition of sixteen by baptism shows they are not in vain. The present number of members is thirty-four.

Mr. J. Meyer has labored for years among the Catholics in Baden, at Altheim, Bruchsal and vicinity; but within the last few months, after suffering imprisonment on some trivial pretext, his bibles and tracts confiscated, and all religious convocations strictly prohibited, he has been compelled to leave that field; and has been stationed in Alsace, to labor at Mühlhausen, Colmar and Strasburg. He will also extend his tours to Basle in Switzerland, and to other stations. The additions to these churches, including Zurich, St. Gall, and others, have been more

* In many instances evangelical ministers have refused to perform the marriage rite for parties requesting it, because they were of the Baptist communion.

than twenty. Present number in Switzerland, eighty-two. The pastor at Zurich, Mr. Bues, supported by brethren in Glasgow, Scotland, has met with no impediments on the part of the civil authorities, and the happiest results may be anticipated, with the divine blessing, from his zealous and well-directed efforts. There are many favorable elements for the dissemination of the truth in Switzerland, although long patience and cool decision may be found requisite "to bring order and discipline into the confusion that extensively prevails among dissenters in that country."

The fourteen churches in Prussia, at Berlin, Stettin, Rummelsburg, Elbing, Stolzenberg, Memel, &c., have received the past year by baptism, 299; net increase, 223. Present number of members, 1,623. Connected with the churches are 90 or 100 sub-stations or preaching places. The largest accessions have been to Stolzenberg church in E. Prussia, 102, and to Memel 64. Stettin church has received twenty-eight, and Berlin thirty-six. This last, including fifteen or sixteen outstations, numbers a membership of 314, Stettin 205.

The Berlin church, we are pained to state, has been deprived of the services of its estimable and efficient pastor, Mr. Lehmann, since the opening of the present year, by dangerous sickness. The gifts of the church have been put in requisition, and valuable occasional aid has been afforded by brethren from other places; but the loss of pastoral ministrations can be only in part compensated. The church is in a depressed condition, which is aggravated by the emigration of valuable members to this country, a dismembering which threatens to increase. The hand of power has also been laid upon it, as it has been on most of the churches in the Prussian dominions. The courage of our brethren, nevertheless, is not broken down; the progress of their work as a whole has been greater in Prussia than in any other part of Germany; and "though for the last three years the number of missionaries and pastors has been on the increase, the cry continues, 'Send us more laborers.'"

School for Native Preachers.—The necessity of increasing the supply of laborers, as well as improving their qualifications for the arduous service of the Christian ministry, has been deeply felt by our brethren; and during the last three years, from November to May each year, a school has been open at Hamburg for the accomplishment of this object, chiefly under the tuition of Mr. Köbner. The principal studies, apart from preparatory exercises, are exposition of Scriptures and composition of sermons. The opportunity is improved also, in connection with the Hamburg church, to impart just views as to the order and discipline of a Christian church, and pastoral relations and duties. The number of pupils the last term was seven. Five of a previous class have been ordained and sent forth to labor. Others are candidates for the ministry, and some are already in the field, who would be profited by a course of liberal study. The chief embarrassment is want of pecuniary means. At the last triennial meeting of delegates at Hamburg, the subject received special consideration, and it was agreed to recommend to the churches to take up collections for the support of the school. The Executive Committee have appropriated a small amount (\$200) for their encouragement. The expense is graduated low; the whole cost to each student being about \$1.75 per week.

Character of the Laborers. — The number of laborers now in employ of the Union, as already given, is 27. Three of these received their appointment direct from the Committee, Messrs. Oncken, Lehmann and Schaufler; the rest have been selected by our German brethren. "In making the selection, it has been a prominent object to engage tried men, men who had *proved* their fitness for service as to zeal, ability, acceptableness and efficiency; men of fervent piety, sound doctrinal views, and marked decision of character. None apparently wanting in any of these qualifications, have been placed on the funds of the Union. Their conduct hitherto has approved the selection. The laborers are worthy of the confidence of their brethren, and of liberal support. All are preachers, and many of them pastors of churches."

Ministerial support. — The laborers employed by the Union, with few exceptions, are supported by its appropriations alone. In one or two instances they are self-sustaining; and in others, as before mentioned, a part of their support is derived from other organizations or individuals. Churches as such do but little for ministerial support. This is attributable in part to their extreme poverty, connected with the demands continually made on behalf of other pressing interests, such as the current expenses attending public worship, care of the poor, rents, and schools. Added to this, is the burden alike imposed on all for the maintenance of church establishments. Another cause unquestionably is, a prevalent prejudice against making provision for the support of the ministry, created by the offensiveness of state-church rates, and associated with erroneous views as to the comparative expensiveness of private and professional life. The people are ready to give—and the fact is not without a parallel in our own country—for almost any other object rather than pastoral support. A juster view of church relations and obligations, it may be hoped, will yet prevail. The present is an early period with our German brethren. Time is needed to *train* them to sounder principles and more liberal devices. It is also to be expected that by the accession of members of larger means the churches will by and by be better *able* to sustain their own native ministry.

Houses of worship. — Vigorous efforts have been made by many of the churches to provide suitable accommodations for social and public worship, not only at Hamburg and Berlin, but at Templin, Halsbeck, Stettin, Stolzenberg, Memel, &c. The places provided are plain and cheap, and some of them such as are recommended mostly by their spaciousness or retired position. At no other point is the poverty of the churches more pressed upon our notice. The Executive Committee, declining to assume the hiring or building of houses of worship as a part of their ordinary work, have been constrained to aid with limited sums in given cases, both by way of encouragement and for the present need.

Growth of the churches and Present State. — The churches are generally improving in religious knowledge, in order and discipline, in harmony of doctrine, and in benevolent effort. The late Conference at Hamburg, held July 22–27, was a meeting of surpassing interest, full of manifestations of brotherly concord, and cheering in its aspects for the future. The progress of the last three years, as there reported, had been most gratifying. The membership had increased from 1,982 to 3,746. "The necessity of sending new evangelists had never ceased." Some

of the churches even then were suffering persecution, as in Mecklenburg, Baden, at Breslau, &c.; and the expectation was general as to its increase; but our brethren were undismayed. The Conference deliberated on various important subjects, such as a more intimate union of the churches for mutual support and counsel; raising of funds, particularly for the education of candidates for the ministry; home missions, order and arrangement of divine service, improvement of congregational singing, tract distribution, divorce, character of a bishop, treatment of excluded members, building of chapels, relations of stations to churches, &c.; and on many of these topics resolutions were harmoniously adopted; it being a preliminary resolve, that these resolutions, so far as concerned church matters, were not to be regarded as laws, but expressions of *opinion*, to exert a spiritual influence, coming from brethren in whom the churches confide, and whom they had selected as their representatives; but which were to be submitted to the several churches for their independent approval or rejection. At the opening of the meeting, arrangements were adopted for admitting the churches of Sweden into connection with the German Union. A proposition was also adopted for the admission of brethren resident in Württemberg. The Conference adjourned to meet again at Hamburg in July, 1854.*

CHURCHES, BAPTISMS, &c., IN GERMANY, DENMARK, SWEDEN, AND SWITZERLAND.

CHURCHES.	Preaching Places.		Baptized.	Received by letter and restored.			Died.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Present number.	CHURCHES.	Preaching Places.		Baptized.	Received by letter and restored.			Died.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Present number.											
Hamburg,	33	81	7	9	51	22	535	Bitterfeldt, . . .	5	4	2	..	1	10	45	Bremen,	13	17	13	2	14	7	125	Templin,	10	11	3	..	4	7	61	
Oldenburg,	5	2	3	..	6	6	29	Stolzenberg, . .	14	102	4	2	..	6	271	Jever,	4	28	8	..	3	6	104	Stettin,	6	28	10	..	8	16	205	
Halsbeck,	7	8	1	1	1	2	72	Wolgast,	6	18	3	1	..	2	57	Eimbeck,	7	19	8	1	4	10	77	Rummelsburg, . .	11	..	..	..	..	..	211
Othfreesen,	8	13	4	2	5	10	97	Elbing,	7	20	2	..	4	3	88	Ihren,	10	9	5	2	6	11	110	Memel,	8	64	18	2	18	9	234	
Wittingen,	12	9	1	..	2	2	34	Liegnitz,	3	1	..	1	..	4	15	Dasslingen,	1	12	3	..	1	1	14	Breslau,	2	7	2	1	2	..	33	
Cassel,	4	8	3	..	12	2	47	Voigtsdorf, . . .	2	8	..	..	9	2	37	Frohnhausen, . . .	4	2	1	1	12	..	25	Zackerick,	2	..	1	1	..	1	18
Offenbach,	7	..	33	..	1	..	32	Klein Werder, . .	1	..	3	..	4	1	7	Hersfeld,	11	6	2	..	5	1	75	Aalborg,	19	89	5	2	..	76	287	
Bruchsal,	1	2	1	..	..	..	6	Copenhagen, . . .	1	..	..	..	..	..	52	Bruchsal,	1	2	1	..	..	..	7	Copenhagen, . . .	1	..	..	..	..	..	52
Heilbronn,	4	16	6	1	2	..	34	Seeland,	3	27	1	2	2	6	191	Heilbronn,	4	16	6	1	2	..	34	Seeland,	3	27	1	2	2	6	191	
Rossgarten,	1	..	3	..	3	..	7	Langeland, . . .	7	7	2	1	3	..	42	Rossgarten,	1	..	3	..	3	..	7	Langeland, . . .	7	7	2	1	3	..	42	
Spangenberg, . . .	8	6	..	2	5	2	87	Pinneberg, . . .	2	1	4	..	11	4	36	Spangenberg, . . .	8	6	..	2	5	2	87	Pinneberg, . . .	2	1	4	..	11	4	36	
Zurich,	5	18	4	1	..	7	58	Gottcnburg, . . .	9	..	..	..	..	..	58	Zurich,	5	18	4	1	..	7	58	Gottcnburg, . . .	9	..	..	..	..	..	58
Toggenburg,	3	4	..	..	..	1	24									Toggenburg,	3	4	..	..	..	1	24								
Berlin,	16	36	45	1	18	31	341	Total,	40	292	683	211	36	217	268	Berlin,	16	36	45	1	18	31	341	Total,	40	292	683	211	36	217	268	3881

* The Foreign Secretary arrived at Hamburg near the close of August, the time originally announced for the triennial meeting of the Conference, and though debarred the opportunity of attending on that occasion, in consequence of a late change of the appointment to an earlier day, he was welcomed by the Hamburg church with every demonstration of kindness and thankfulness, extended not only to himself but to the Executive Committee and to all their American brethren. Similar manifestations of grateful and affectionate feeling abounded throughout the period of his stay both at Hamburg and Berlin and in all his intercourse with the German brethren.

Government intolerance. — The Committee have already had repeated occasion to allude to cases of government interference with the missionary laborers and churches connected with the Missionary Union. Not only in Hesse, and Baden, and Hanover, and Mecklenburg Schwerin, but more extensively still, and where it was least to have been expected, in Prussia, the most stringent measures have been adopted of late against our brethren. Mr. Oncken writes :

“The political reaction has thrown us back far beyond the position we occupied prior to 1848, and several of the democratic periodicals having made favorable mention of us, the governments are at present, I fear, regarding us with a doubly suspicious eye. The democratic constitution of our churches has repeatedly been pointed at by our opponents in the state church ; and this, when brought in connection with the fact of our increased exertions and increase of numbers during the years of religious liberty, is, I fear, the cause of the present renewed hostility.” * * * “The following brethren have been fined for performing ‘ unauthorized official acts,’ or for holding religious meetings without due notice having been given ; Gülzau at Stettin, Niemetz at Memel, Haese now at Oldenburg, Dörksen at Tilsit, Lenkeit at Eisseln (he has also been imprisoned), Weist at Stolzenberg, Werner at Bitterfeldt, Penner at Sahlfeldt, and Wiehler at Reetz. If the fines are not paid, these brethren will be distrained ; and the authorities failing in this, they will be imprisoned.”

Mr. Oncken himself has more recently felt the weight of the civil arm, and this even in the Prussian capital. Summoned to the relief of the Berlin church in consequence of the sickness of its pastor, before alluded to, he was hardly allowed to remain a Sabbath, ere he was arrested and expelled from the Prussian dominions. The act of proscription passed in 1841 and renewed in 1846, had not been revoked, it was said ; he had repeatedly and freely preached the gospel in Prussia since that period, but the decree was now to be enforced. “The command had come from the highest authorities.”

In allusion to this unhappy state of things, especially in Prussia, and what may too sadly be inferred from it for the future, Mr. Oncken adds :

“I earnestly call on all our brethren in America to aid us, first by their prayers, that God would fit us to meet the trials which in unerring wisdom he may permit to come upon us. But then, also, I place this so confident trust in your love and sympathy for your suffering brethren in Germany as to believe that such measures will be adopted as affection and wisdom may dictate, to hasten to the aid of Christ’s suffering members in this country. It ought at least to be shown to the powers that be, that they cannot trample on the sovereign right of Christians to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences, and escape the censure and powerful remonstrance of all the truly great and good. No government has hitherto dared to charge us with disobedience to human laws, for though we desire to render implicit obedience to the King of kings, it is also our aim to be subject to the powers ordained of God, in things pertaining to this life, knowing they are appointed for the protection of the good and the punishment of evil-doers.”

The Committee deeply sympathizing with their brethren now suffering for conscience’ sake, are ready to take measures, with the sanction of

the Board, to lay their case and claims for more tolerant consideration before the proper authorities, not without hope that in a country extensively Protestant, and abounding with intelligent and highminded men, the principles of religious liberty and the rights of conscience and the entire compatibility of a generous toleration with the stability of existing social and civil institutions, will not be vindicated nor asserted wholly in vain.

MISSION TO GREECE.

ATHENS.—Rev. A. N. and Mrs. ARNOLD.

PIRÆUS.—Rev. R. F. and Mrs. BUEL.

CORFU.—Mrs. H. E. DICKSON.

Three stations ; two missionaries and three female assistants.

Mrs. Buel, according to the expectation stated in the last report, reached the Piræus in August last.

In view of the very limited scope for missionary effort in Corfu, and of the many advantages derivable from a residence in the capital and the near vicinity of his colleague at the Piræus, Mr. Arnold was led, with the approbation of the Executive Committee, to remove to Athens. This was effected in October, and the work of the mission commenced in the capital under highly favorable auspices. A small, but intelligent and attentive audience is gathered weekly to hear the word preached, and frequent opportunities are found for conversation with individuals who seem to be drawn by a deeper feeling than curiosity. Two, in particular, are apparently sincere and earnest inquirers, but the recentness of these cases makes more confident mention of them inexpedient. Enough, however, has already been observed to demonstrate the superiority of Athens to Corfu as a station, provided it can be occupied in security, of which late occurrences leave us somewhat in doubt.

On the removal of Mr. Arnold, the preaching department of the Corfu station was discontinued. It had subsisted for five years under manifold discouragements, and during the early part of last year was even more limited in respect of its influence over the people than for years previous. But during its term of existence it had gathered some hopeful converts, and a few weeks before its transfer to Athens another young man, who had given satisfactory evidence of his clear apprehension and hearty reception of the gospel, was added to the church. An English service had also been attended weekly, by from forty to sixty hearers.

The school under the direction of Mrs. Dickson continues to flourish. At the close of the year there were fifty-five pupils, and the average number has been forty. Its success as a religious agency is less cheering, though it is not doubted that some spiritual benefit has been communicated to the pupils.

At the Piræus, preaching in Greek has been attended every Sabbath since August, previous to that time every alternate Sabbath. The audience has *averaged* about twelve, — as many as twenty Greeks, of both sexes, being sometimes present, representing all grades of society.

A bible class for the benefit of the Greek brethren was maintained till Mr. Arnold's removal to Athens, when they were transferred to his care, as they could meet him with greater convenience.

One hundred and fifty Greek bibles have been distributed during the year; also one thousand seven hundred tracts in Greek, French, Italian, German and English. Mr. Pelecassis has nearly completed a translation of *The Pilgrim's Progress*.

There has been an increased attention to preaching, and to the reading of the Scriptures. No opposition has been experienced; but growing dislike of the superstitious dogmas and practices of the Greek church is observable—a state of things which encourages the mission to hope that in due season they will reap if they faint not. The young brethren, with some defects of character incident to the Greeks as a people, witness a good confession, commending the gospel by their exemplary deportment, and earnestly striving to promote the cause of evangelical religion and the salvation of their countrymen.

Recent events at Athens have cast a cloud over the otherwise favorable prospects of this mission. Rev. Dr. King, the veteran missionary of the American Board of Commissioners, has been subjected anew to persecution, and is condemned to banishment on grounds which leave no Protestant missionary a secure foothold in the kingdom. The sentence appears, so far as can be judged from present information, to be as directly opposed to the constitution of Greece as to natural equity; but it has been affirmed by the Areopagus, the court of last resort, and can only be remedied by an exercise of the royal prerogative. This, however, is not anticipated. On the contrary, there is too much reason to believe that the whole proceeding has arisen more from political policy than from religious zeal or deference to public opinion.

The person who has been most active in urging forward the prosecution of Dr. King, has openly indicated Mr. Arnold as the next object of attack. He has attended Mr. A.'s service repeatedly, and threatened the Greek brethren. We know not what a day may bring forth. It is enough to work while the day lasts, leaving events to Him who is infinitely more concerned for the welfare of his people than we can possibly be.

INDIAN MISSIONS.

MISSION TO THE OJIBWAS.

SAULT DE STE. MARIE.—Rev. A. and Mrs. BINGHAM. One native assistant.

TIKUMINA.—Rev. J. D. CAMERON.

Outstation.—*Michipicoton*.

Two stations and one outstation; two missionaries, one female assistant, one native assistant.

Religious services have been continued at the principal station as usual—two services on the Sabbath, one for whites and one for Indians,—besides the Sabbath school and bible class. The service for Indians has not been numerously attended, as the number residing at and

near the station is small. During the fishing season, moreover, they are so widely dispersed that little can be done for them. Early in October they began to collect at Tikuamina Bay, and Mr. Cameron, who had been absent during the earlier part of the season, laboring in conjunction with Mr. Bingham, at once proceeded thither with his family. The bible class has continued with unimpaired interest, and since the close of navigation it has been weekly increasing. None have been added to the church the past year, and one member has died, leaving the present number twenty-three,* not including members at Michipicoton and Fort William.

The boarding school continues as when last reported, having the same pupils, five in number. The day school is prosperous; the number of pupils the last term was fifty-five. The opening of a district school, it is expected, will reduce this number the present year. The progress of the pupils has been satisfactory, fully meeting the expectations of the teachers, and receiving the approbation of the United States Indian Agent, who with other gentlemen attended the examination.

OTTAWAS IN MICHIGAN.

RICHLAND.—REV. L. SLATER. One station, one missionary.

The unfavorable circumstances which tend to retard and render almost hopeless the improvement of the Ottawas in their present situation, continue to harass the mission. The unsettled habits of the people, the use of intoxicating liquors, and the injurious influence of the whites with whom they are brought in contact, interpose heavy obstacles to every effort for civilizing and christianizing them. The question of their removal west of the Mississippi is not determined; but the majority seem opposed to the measure. Meanwhile the time fixed for the cessation of their annuity from the United States government draws near, four payments only remaining due; and with this the government appropriations for their education will also cease.

In the face of these discouragements, the past year has witnessed a greater degree of spiritual life in the mission than had been manifested for a great length of time. The preaching of the gospel has been blessed to the awakening of a considerable number to inquire the way of salvation; and though one only has been added to the church, and but one other has given unequivocal evidence of conversion, it is hoped that a larger number are subjects of religious impressions which will prove permanent. One member of the church has died during the year. A school is carried on under the general supervision of the missionary, but we are without any detailed report of its numbers and condition, as also of the church. The latter, when last reported, numbered twenty-five members. Mr. Slater for the present resides with his family at Kalamazoo, but is near enough to the station to attend to the Sabbath services and supervise the school and other departments of the mission.

* The total stated in the last report, twenty-six, should have been twenty-four.

SHAWANOE MISSION.

SHAWANOE.—Rev. F. and Mrs. BARKER; one native assistant.

DELAWARE.—Rev. J. G. and Mrs. PRATT, Miss E. S. MORSE, Miss E. P. GOOKIN.
One native assistant.

OTTAWA.—Rev. J. and Mrs. MEEKER.

Three stations; three missionaries, five female assistants; two native assistants.

Miss Gookin, appointed an assistant, arrived at the Delaware station, July 17.

SHAWANOE.—This station is gradually extending its influence among the less favored portions of the Shawanoë tribe. The members of the church as a whole, maintain a good profession, and some have been added to their number,—seven by baptism, and one who had received baptism in another denomination; two have been excluded, one has died; present number, thirty five,*—sixteen males, nineteen females. One of the converts was an old man, formerly a leader among the pagan portion of the people, who was baptized at the same time with two of his grandchildren. The occasion was one of deep interest to the congregation that witnessed it. The attendance both at chapel services and at prayer meetings, has been more than usually encouraging, and an impression is beginning more than ever to prevail among the unconverted that their pagan system is shortly to pass away and give place to Christianity. The contributions of the church during the year amounted to \$30.

The boarding school has had fifteen scholars. Three have left the school and five have been admitted. This department of labor might be greatly enlarged. As many pupils are received as the accommodation and means of the mission will admit, and nearly fifty applicants have been refused. The demand for school instruction increases yearly.

DELAWARE.—The work among the Delawares has been more confined to the school and to religious services at the station than formerly. An increased love of traffic draws many away on trading excursions, and has awakened among the people a disposition unfavorable to the reception of religious truth. Intemperance still prevails, a fatal obstacle wherever it exists. The reception of large sums of money from the government enables them to gratify their appetite for intoxicating liquors without restraint, and until the means of indulgence are abridged it will be difficult to arrest the evil. From these and other causes meetings have been less frequently held at points distant from the station than in former years.

The school is in an interesting and encouraging state. A more uniform attendance has been secured than ever before, though there is still room for improvement in this respect. Average attendance twenty-five. The pupils have made good advancement in their studies. Their moral and religious progress is gratifying; the study of the Scriptures, and of religious truth, has seemed to take a stronger hold upon them, and a number give very satisfactory evidence that they are subjects of grace, though none as yet have made a public profession of their faith.

The church shows a diminished number of members. Three have

* A discrepancy of four as compared with last year, when the number reported was thirty-four.

been excluded and one has died; present number eighteen,*—eight males, ten females. Their contributions were \$40.

The last year was more than usually sickly. The cholera carried off a number of victims, and other diseases prevailed. The ravages of disease and death were not permitted, however, to extend to the school nor to any connected with the mission.

OTTAWA.—The labors at this station have gone forward as usual, with no marked change in the general aspect of things. Most of the church have appeared very happy in their Christian profession, and coöperate efficiently with the missionary, conducting the afternoon Sabbath services and sustaining in part the neighborhood prayer meetings. Six have been excluded from their fellowship, and three heretofore excluded have been restored; two have died; present number, fifty-nine. They have contributed \$50 for the relief of the poor and church expenses.

The state of the people, in respect to their style of living and the standard of social morality, is extremely favorable. Intemperance and the vices which accompany it, have been unknown among them. Individuals who desire to indulge an appetite for strong drink, go abroad for that purpose. There is a general indifference to spiritual things among them, which it is difficult to overcome; but in other respects, their condition and tendencies leave little to be desired.

MISSION TO THE CHEROKEES.

CHEROKEE.—Rev. Messrs. E. JONES and W. P. UPHAM, and their wives.

DELAWARE TOWN.—*John Wickliffe, Oganaya*, native preachers.

DSIYOHEE.—*Dsulasky*, native preacher.

TAQUOHEE.—*Tanenole*, native preacher.

FLINT.—*L. Downing* and *D. M. Foreman*, native preachers.

Five stations, seven (?) outstations; two missionaries and two female assistants; six native assistants.—Mr. H. Upham has retired from the mission, with the approval of the Executive Committee, there being no present demand for his services in the printing department.

The reports from the churches have been of a more gratifying character the last year than the preceding, showing an accession to their membership by baptism in 1851, of 158, all of whom were Cherokees but seventeen. Thirteen were colored, two white and two Creek. The members are advancing in knowledge and intellectual strength, and under the sanctifying influences of the Holy Spirit give promise of becoming lights among their countrymen. "The reading of the word of God has contributed not a little to this result. A volume of portions of Scripture, containing Romans, the two Corinthians, several other epistles and Revelation, lately finished and put in circulation, is exerting a most happy influence." The Committee are happy to learn that the translation prepared under the superintendence of Mr. Jones is highly acceptable to the Cherokees. It is clear and idiomatic. "We who speak the Cherokee language only," says a letter from a meeting of native preachers and others, "consider the translations of great value.

* A discrepancy of one as compared with report of last year, when the number stated was twenty-one.

We have received much instruction and comfort from them. We cannot judge of the *translation*, because we speak but one language. But we *know* it is pure, strong *Cherokee*." The circulation of the Cherokee testament has in some cases disarmed prejudice, and opened the way to the oral dispensation of the gospel. "I have known aged Cherokees," says one, "who would not go to hear the gospel preached until some friend had put the printed word into their hands. They have read and then come to hear, have invited the minister home with them, taken up their Cherokee testament, and asked the minister to explain to them. And the next time the cheering news would be, 'Behold, he prayeth.'"

Meetings for religious worship have generally been well attended, and with encouraging tokens of interest. The native preachers are often invited to new places, which they have not time to visit. Interesting meetings have been held on Illinois river, and there is an earnest desire to hear the gospel along the banks of the Arkansas, "a region of great spiritual destitution and darkness." On Grand river by urgent invitation a meeting was held, attended by Cherokees and Creeks, some of the latter from a distance of forty miles. "The hearts of the brethren were greatly rejoiced and strengthened by the interview, receiving explanations of many portions of Scripture, and instruction in the management of their church affairs. Many persons also came up for prayers, greatly affected with a view of the opposition of heart which they had cherished toward God." The native preachers, although a small band, are "holy and faithful men, bound together by cords of love, and therefore strong for the work of the Lord."

The school taught by Mr. Upham, and chiefly supported by the nation, is in a flourishing condition. It holds rank with district schools in New England. Number of pupils, male and female, ninety-six. Some of the late pupils have been advanced to higher seminaries, and seven others are qualified to enter them. The Cherokees appreciate the advantages of education more and more, and the Educational Convention, formed by themselves and holding semiannual meetings at the seat of government (Tahlequah), is doing a good work.

The mission speak of the prevalence of sickness the past year. A large number of native brethren and sisters have been called to their eternal rest, among others an early convert, the wife of Oganaya, whose closing scenes were filled with peace and joy. Our veteran br. Jones has experienced several severe attacks of illness, after an almost uninterrupted period of health of thirty years.*

Slaveholding separated from the Mission Churches.—It was stated in our last report, that correspondence had been opened with the mission in reference to its relations to slaveholding; four individuals, members of churches, being slaveholders. The last communication received, dated in March, announces that "slaveholding has been separated from all our churches." "I trust," adds Mr. Jones, "that our brethren will

* The mission speak also, with deep feeling, of the decease of one of the early missionaries of the A. B. C. F. M., Rev. D. S. Buttrick, on the 8th of June, 1851. "Having been blessed," says Mr. Jones, "with his intimate acquaintance and witnessed his heavenly example for nearly thirty years, I cannot but mourn the loss I have sustained by his death; though it is a mourning mingled with the liveliest and most assured hope." It is gratifying to know that the measures adopted by the mission for the evangelization of the full Cherokees, met with his hearty approval. "No one was better acquainted with them, and few if any were better qualified to judge of their adaptedness and of their results."

unite with us in thanksgiving for our deliverance from so great an evil. And I trust also that our more ardent friends will not make any vain-glorious parade about it; for there is no glory due to any one but God, whose wise and gracious providence has brought the whole thing to pass."

RECAPITULATION.

The number of missions prosecuted under direction of the Board, not including the one to Ava, is eighteen, embracing eighty-three stations and one hundred and four outstations, besides three hundred and fifty places of stated preaching in Germany and France. Connected with the missions are fifty-seven missionaries, of whom fifty-two are preachers, and there are fifty-nine female assistants. Two missionaries and two female assistants have died, besides one missionary under appointment, and two female assistants have joined the missions. The number of native preachers and assistants is one hundred and ninety-seven; total of missionaries and assistants connected with the missions, three hundred and thirteen. Ten missionaries and female assistants are under appointment. There are one hundred and eighty churches, having a membership of 13,733, of whom were added by baptism the past year, 1,280. The number of schools is seventy-nine, including four for native preachers, one normal, and sixteen boarding schools; with about 1,700 pupils. The number of pages printed in three of the missions, Maulmain, Tavoy and Assam, was 4,392,300.

MISSIONS.

MISSIONS.																
	Stations.	Out-stations.	Missionaries.	Female Assistants.	Total Missionaries and Assistants.	Native Preachers and Assistants.	Churches.	Baptized.	Present number.	Boarding Schools.	Pupils.	Day Schools.	Pupils.	Total Schools.	Total Pupils.	Pages Printed.
IN ASIA:																
Mainland Burmah,	22	6	7	7	14	9	3	2	183	1	118	7	255	8	373	1,108,900
Manuhain Karen,	2	13*	3	5	8	34	40?	141	1,729	44	220	...	...	4	220	
Thavoy Karen,	17?	17?	6	12	12	20?	19	24	1,000?	34	60?	17?	250?	20?	300?	2,468,400
African Burmah,	2	2	3	3	6	5	2	5	50	...	...	2	30?	2	30?	
Sundaway Karen,	1	44	3	3	5	49	45	97?	5,000?	1	21	20?	200?	21?	2,21?	
Ava (theophtve), .....	...	...	2	2	4	2	1	9	?	...	...	...	...	...	...
Siam,	1	2	3	4	7	5	1	2	34	1	...	3	60	4	48	
Hongkong,	1	4	2	1	3	4	1	4	25	...	...	4	60	4	60	
Ningpo,	1	...	3	1	4	2	1	...	9	...	...	1	25	4	112	
Assam,	1	...	3	1	4	2	1	...	70?	3	87	...	...	4	...	
Telooquo,	1	...	3	2	5	7	3	12	8?	1	22	...	...	1	22	820,000
Whole number in Asia,	16	88	42	44	86	140	117	297	8,108	14	518	54	820	68	1,386	4,392,300
IN AFRICA:																
Dassu,	1	...	...	2	2	4	1	1	20?	1	20?	1	16?	2	36?	
IN EUROPE:																
French,	11	8 1/2	2	2	4	20	11	132	352	14	4	...	...	1	4	
German,	40	4	3	...	3	24	40	683	8,681	14	7	1	...	1	7	
Greek,	3	...	2	3	5	...	1	1	12?	...	...	1	53	1	55	
Whole number in Europe, ..	54	8	7	5	12	44	52	816	4,245	2	11	1	55	3	66	
INDIAN MISSIONS:																
Ojibwa,	2	1	2	1	3	1	1	...	23	1	5	1	55	2	60	
Ottawa in Michigan,	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	25	...	...	1	...	1	...	
Shawano,	3	7?	3	5	8	2	3	7	112	2	40	...	...	2	40	
Cherokee,	5	...	2	2	4	6	5	158	1,200?	...	...	...	...	1	93	
Whole number in America, ..	11	8	8	8	16	9	10	166	1,360	3	45	2	55	6	196	
Totals,	88	104	57	59	116	197	180	1,280	13,733	20	594	58	946	79	1,684	4,392,300

* Beside those of Raungoon district. † Including theol. and normal. ‡ Tub. view not rec'd. § Including one Bur. church. || 50 places for stated preaching. ¶ 202 places for sta. preach. &

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

EXPENDITURES OF THE UNION FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1852.

Maulmain Missions.

Remittances, drafts, and purchases,.....	15,300 84	
Expenses of Mr. Binney in this country,.....	389 67	
Do. Mr. Haswell do. do.	725 00	
Do. Mr. Howard do. do.	758 75	
Passage of Mrs. Judson and family to this country, in part,.....	600 00	
Outfit of Mr. Bixby,..... do.	215 00	
	<hr/>	\$17,989 26

Tavoy Mission.

Remittances, drafts, and purchases,.....	6,660 52
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Arracan Missions.

Remittances, drafts, and purchases,.....	10,380 39	
Expenses of Mr. Ingalls in this country,.....	446 67	
Outfit and passage of Mr. Ingalls and family to Akyab,...	1,121 57	
	<hr/>	11,948 63

Mission to Ava.

Remittances and payments,.....	2,592 19
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Assam Mission.

Remittances, drafts, and purchases,.....	8,268 73	
Expenses of Mrs. Barker in this country,.....	400 00	
	<hr/>	8,668 73

Teloogoo Mission.

Remittances and payments,.....	2,351 47	
Expenses of Mr. Van Husen and family in this country,...	290 00	
	<hr/>	2,641 47

Siam Mission.

Remittances, drafts, and purchases,.....	4,509 57	
Passage of Mr. and Mrs. Ashmore from Hongkong to Bangkok,.....	200 00	
Passage of Mr. and Mrs. Chandler to this country,.....	590 00	
Expenses do. do. in do.	463 32	
Allowance to do. do. for outfit,.....	500 00	
	<hr/>	6,262 89

China Missions.

Remittances, drafts, and purchases,.....	7,858 91	
Passage of Mr. and Mrs. Lord to this country,.....	1,079 04	
	<hr/>	8,937 95

Bassa Mission.

Drafts and purchases,.....		2,217 90
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Mission to Greece.

Remittances, drafts, and purchases,.....	3,717 54	
Passage of Mrs. Buel to Greece,.....	250 00	
	<hr/>	3,967 54

Mission to France.

Remittances and drafts,.....	7,768 35	
Expense of the Foreign Secretary's visit to France, in part,	221 95	
	<hr/>	7,990 30

Mission to Germany.

Remittances and payments,.....	3,995 03	
Expense of the Foreign Secretary's visit to Germany,.....	221 95	
	<hr/>	4,216 98

Cherokee Mission.

Drafts and purchases,.....		3,134 86
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Shawano Mission.

Drafts and purchases, (balance defrayed by U. S. appropriations,).....		1,660 03
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Mission to the Ojibwas.

Drafts, (balance defrayed by U. S. appropriations),.....		48 96
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Mission to the Ottawas, in Michigan.

The expense of this mission is defrayed by U. S. appropriations.....		
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Agencies.

Salary of Rev. Alfred Bennett, 1 1-5 months,.....	60 00	
Do. Rev. J. D. Cole, 17 1-2 months,.....	1,166 66	
Travelling expenses, &c. of do.,.....	236 29	
Salary of Rev. S. M. Osgood, 1 year,.....	700 00	
Travelling expenses, &c. of do.,.....	121 25	
Salary of Rev. J. F. Wilcox, 1 year,.....	800 00	
Travelling expenses, &c. of do.,.....	189 70	
Salary of Rev. H. A. Smith, 1 year,.....	600 00	
Travelling expenses, &c. of do.,.....	73 23	
Salary of Rev. A. Butler, 1 year,.....	600 00	
Travelling expenses, &c. of do.,.....	195 89	
Salary of Rev. J. Stevens, 9 months,.....	600 00	
Travelling expenses, &c. of do.,.....	138 05	
Salary of Rev. J. Wilson, 7 months,.....	350 00	
Travelling expenses, &c. of do.,.....	138 33	

Salary of Rev. O. Dodge, 5 1-2 months,.....	291 66	
Travelling expenses, &c. of do.,.....	73 31	
Salary of Rev. E. Savage, 5 1-2 months,.....	366 67	
Travelling expenses, &c. of do.,.....	95 88	
Salary of Rev. M. Allen, 1 1-2 months,.....	75 00	
Special agencies,.....	205 33	
Deputations to attend anniversaries,.....	20 50	
Travelling expenses of the Home Secretary,.....	157 03	
		<hr/> 7,254 78

Publications.

2000 copies of the Thirty-Seventh Annual Report,.....	247 87	
Extra expense of the July number of the Magazine,.....	302 18	
1,000 copies of "Retrospect of the Union and its Missions,"	25 47	
500 " " Dr. Hague's sermon,.....	45 00	
300 " " Magazine, for file and distribution,.....	150 00	
1,000 " " Macedonian, " " ".....	100 00	
1,500 " " "Religion and Beneficence,".....	15 00	
3,500 " " "Scripture Plan of Benevolence,".....	5 00	
Circulars and notices,.....	129 69	
		<hr/> 1,020 21

Secretaries' Departments.

Salary of the Foreign Secretary, \$1,500,—less \$700 received from the fund for officers,.....	800 00	
Salary of the Home Secretary, \$1,500,—less \$700 received as above,.....	800 00	
Clerk hire,.....	500 00	
		<hr/> 2,100 00

Treasurer's Department.

Salary of the Treasurer, \$1,500,—less \$700 received from fund for officers,.....	800 00	
Clerk hire,.....	600 00	
		<hr/> 1,400 00

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Rent of rooms,.....	600 00	
Blank books and stationery,.....	106 24	
Fuel and light,.....	131 59	
Furniture and repairs,.....	52 34	
Books for library,.....	48 42	
Periodicals, &c.,.....	26 50	
Printing, and filling certificates of L. M.,.....	170 81	
Postage of letters, papers, and pamphlets,.....	350 04	
Freight, cartage, and insurance,.....	42 71	
Packing-boxes, wrapping-paper, twine, &c.,.....	38 84	
Counterfeit money, discount on drafts and bank notes,....	130 91	
Legal documents,.....	4 25	
Copying records and documents,.....	120 00	
Daguerreotypes of missionaries,.....	8 00	
Messenger, porter, care of rooms, and labor,.....	239 25	
Hannah Harpham's annuity,.....	50 00	
Expense attending the annual meeting,.....	124 99	
		<hr/> 2,244 89

Total expenditures of the Union,.....	102,958 09	
Balance for which the Union was in debt April 1, 1851, ..	19,548 32	
		<hr/> \$122,506 41

RECEIPTS OF THE UNION FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1852.

Donations, as acknowledged in the Missionary Magazine, ..	89,439 44
Legacies, " " " " ..	9,375 25
Received from the Karen mission fund,	1,000 00
" " sale of real estate in Rockford, Ill.,	200 00
Interest on fund for native preachers,	3 62
Balance of interest account, *	2,593 63
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	102,611 94
Balance for which the Union is in debt April 1, 1852,	19,894 47
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	\$122,506 41

Permanent Fund.

This fund amounts, as last year, to	\$21,000 00
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Fund for Officers.

Balance on hand April 1, 1851,	\$ 36 04
Received from income of permanent fund,	1,380 00
Net income of the Farwell estate,	758 16
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	2,174 20
Paid balance of salaries of Secretaries and Treasurer,	2,100 00
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Balance on hand April 1, 1852,	\$74 20

Karen Mission Fund.

This fund amounted last year to	\$5,000 00
Appropriation to the Karen mission,	1,000 00
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Balance on hand April 1, 1852,	\$4,000 00

Fund for the Support of Native Preachers.

This fund consists of the legacy of Miss Maria Mumford, late of Newport, R. I.,	\$500 00
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The Magazine and Macedonian.

Balance on hand January 1, 1851,	\$194 22
Received for subscriptions during the year,	236 63
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	6,430 85
Cost of publication,	6,253 70
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Balance to new account January 1, 1852,	\$177 15

* Arrears of interest on notes given by the purchasers of the Grand Rapids property, Michigan.

The Treasurer has also received from the United States and coördinate Societies the following sums, which have been expended in the several missions, viz.:—

From the United States,.....	\$ 4,000 00
“ “ American and Foreign Bible Society,.....	11,500 00
“ “ “ Tract Society,.....	4,000 00
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	\$19,500 00

RICHARD E. EDDY, *Treasurer A. B. M. Union.*

Missionary Rooms, Boston, April 1, 1852.

The Auditing Committee having examined the account of the Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union for the year ending March 31, 1852, with the vouchers, hereby certify that they find the same correct; and that a balance of *nineteen thousand eight hundred and ninety-four dollars, forty-seven cents*, was due from the Union, on the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

They have also examined the evidences of stocks, &c., belonging to the Union, and find that they agree with the statements on the Treasurer's books.

CHARLES D. GOULD, }
JOSHUA LORING, } *Auditing Committee.*

Missionary Rooms, Boston, May 11th, 1852.

PREACHERS AT TRIENNIAL AND ANNUAL MEETINGS.

NAMES.	TEXTS.	MEETINGS.	PLACES.	TIMES.
Richard Furman, D. D., S. C.,	Matt. 28: 20,	Convention, ..	Philadelphia,	May, 1814.
Thomas Baldwin, D. D., Mass., ...	.....	" ..	" ..	" 1817.
O. B. Brown, D. C., .....	.....	" ..	" ..	April, 1820.
William Staughton, D. D., D. C., ..	Acts 28: 15,	" ..	Washington, D. C., ..	" 1823.
Jesse Mercer, Ga.,	Matt. 28: 19,	" ..	New York,	" 1826.
William Yates, India, .....	.....	Board,	Boston,	" 1827.
William T. Brantly, Pa.,	Phil. 2: 16,	"	New York,	" 1828.
Daniel Sharp, D. D., Mass., .....	.....	Convention, ..	Philadelphia,	" 1829.
C. G. Sommers, N. Y.,	An Address,	Board,	Hartford, Ct.,	" 1830.
R. Babcock, Jr., * Mass.,	Ps. 67: 1, 2,	"	Providence, R. I., ..	" 1831.
F. Wayland, D. D., * R. I.,	Rom. 7: 13,	Convention, ..	New York,	" 1832.
Baron Stow, Mass.,	1 John 2: 6,	Board,	Salem, Mass.,	" 1833.
William R. Williams, N. Y.,	2 Cor. 10: 15, 16, ..	"	New York,	" 1834.
S. H. Cone, N. Y.,	Acts 9: 6,	Convention, ..	Richmond, Va., ..	" 1835.
Elon Galusha, N. Y.,	Luke 10: 2,	Board,	Hartford, Ct.,	" 1836.
Charles G. Sommers, N. Y.,	Ps. 72: 19,	"	Philadelphia,	" 1837.
Baron Stow, Mass.,	Acts 12: 24,	Convention, ..	New York,	" 1838.
James B. Taylor, Va.,	Luke 24: 46, 47, ...	Board,	Philadelphia,	" 1839.
B. T. Welch, D. D., N. Y.,	John 3: 8,	"	New York,	" 1840.
Richard Fuller, D. D., S. C.,	John 12: 32,	Convention, ..	Baltimore,	" 1841.
R. E. Pattison, D. D., R. I.,	Ps. 87: 7,	Board,	New York,	" 1842.
Pharcellus Church, N. Y.,	Col. 1: 21,	"	Albany, N. Y.,	" 1843.
S. W. Lynd, D. D., Ohio,	1 Cor. 1: 21,	Convention, ..	Philadelphia,	" 1844.
G. B. Ide, Pa.,	Is. 40: 9,	Board,	Providence, R. I., ..	" 1845.
G. W. Eaton, D. D., N. Y.,	1 Tim. 1: 11,	Convention, ..	Brooklyn, N. Y., ..	May, 1846.
Baron Stow, D. D., * Mass.,	Matt. 27: 45, 51-53, ..	Union,	Cincinnati, Ohio, ..	" 1847.
J. N. Granger, R. I.,	Gal. 2: 9,	"	Troy, N. Y.,	" 1848.
M. J. Rhees, Del.,	Phil. 2: 5,	"	Philadelphia,	" 1849.
E. L. Magoon, N. Y.,	Matt. 20: 26-28,	"	Buffalo, N. Y.,	" 1850.
William Hague, D. D., N. J.,	Acts 13: 33,	"	Boston,	" 1851.
Velona R. Hotchkiss, N. Y.,	2 Thess. 3: 1,	"	Pittsburgh, Pa., ..	" 1852.

* The appointed preacher having failed.]

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 Charles G. Sommers, New York.
 Orrin Dodge, Ballston Spa, N. Y.
 William Hague, Newark, N. J.
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 Thomas Winter, Roxborough, Pa.
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 Lewis Jones, Boston, Mass.
 Nathan H. Bottom, Shaftsbury, Vt.
 George Lovis, New Haven, Ct.
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 John P. Crozer, Chester, Pa.
 James M. Hoyt, Cleveland, Ohio.

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 Alanson P. Mason, Fall River, Ms.
 James N. Granger, Providence, R. I.
 S. Dryden Phelps, New Haven, Ct.
 Spencer H. Cone, New York.
 Velona R. Hatchkiss, Buffalo, N. Y.
 Thomas R. Taylor, Camden, N. J.
 J. Lansing Burrows, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Loomis G. Leonard, Zanesville, O.
 Demas Robinson, Logansport, Ind.
 John N. Tolman, Upper Alton, Ill.

George W. Harris, Detroit, Mich.
 Elias L. Magoon, New York.
 Charles W. Flanders, Concord, N. H.

Laymen.

Anthony Colby, New London, N. H.
 Charles Thurber, Worcester, Ms.
 James Boyce, Providence, R. I.
 Oren Sage, Rochester, N. Y.
 Samuel Colgate, New York.
 Peter P. Runyon, New Brunswick, N. J.
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BY THE PAYMENT OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

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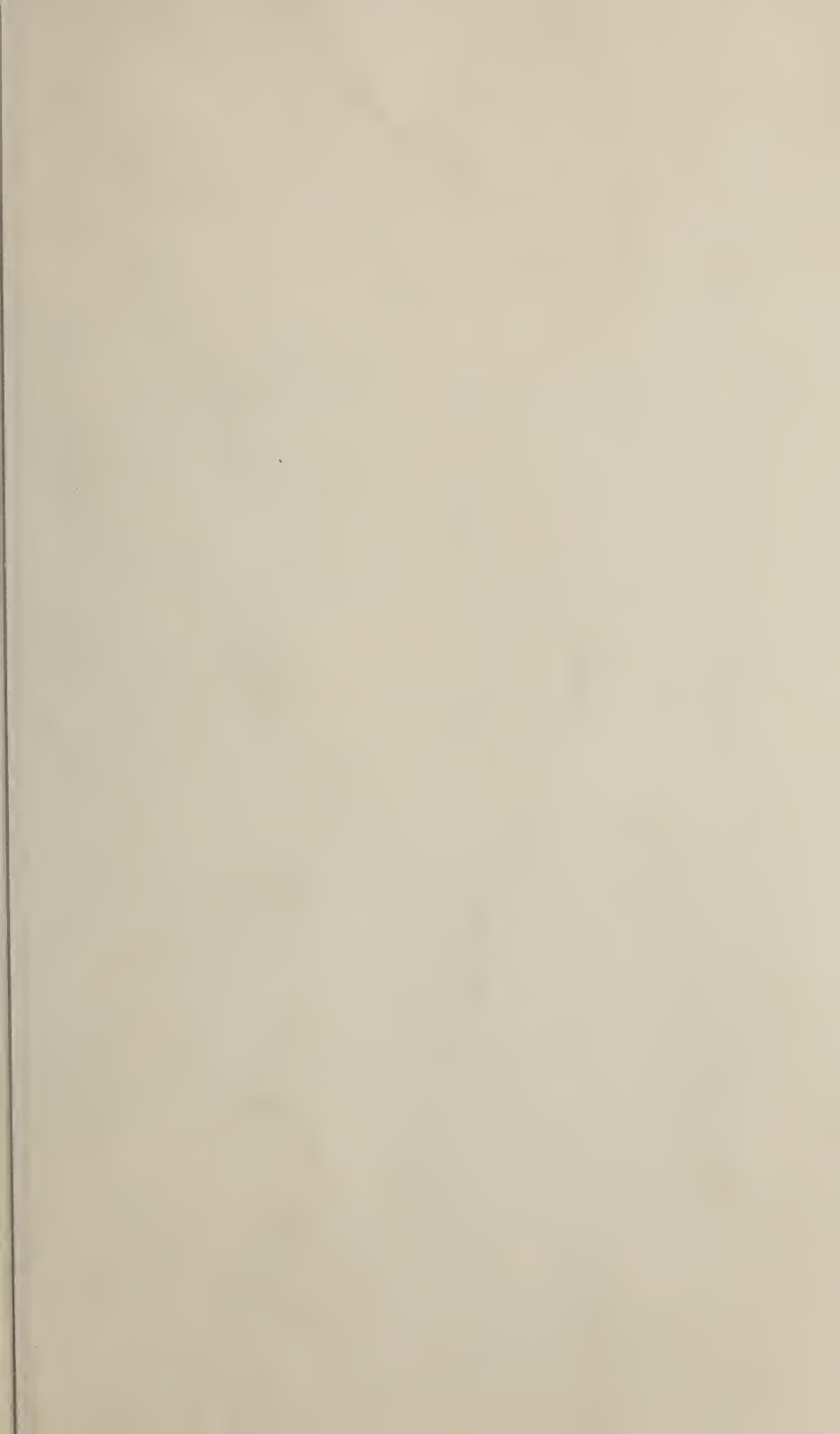
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Wilmington, ch., mon. con.	5.00	
Massachusetts.		
Charlestown, High St. ch. 10.42; Boston, "a friend" 100; Charles St. ch., mon. con. 18.50; Conway, ch. 2.50; Worcester, 1st ch. 51.41; Webster, ch. 63; Fiskdale, Ladies' Benev. So., Mrs. J. H. Westgate tr., for sup. of Zenas Leonard in Mrs. Vinton's sch., Maulmain, 12; Chelmsford, Central ch. 20; Middlefield, John Newton, for Bur. mission, 10;	287.83	
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Nine Mile Prairie	8.00	
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	23.00	
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Saline, ch., per Rev. I. K. Brownson, of which 25 is from Ladies, to sup. Martha Evans in Assam Orphan School,	58.83	
	2,285.62	
Legacy.		
Silas Perry, late of Prescott, Ms., per Thos. E. Sawin, executor;	46.60	
	\$2,332.22	
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